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THE PREFACE.

THE Glory of God, and the Good of Souls, have been the only Inducements for publishing the following Devotions: I hope they will, in some Measure, answer those Ends, and assist the Devout Christian in the Discharge of the great and important Duty of Prayer.

And therefore as I have none but good and justifiable Ends, in publishing this Manual, I humbly presume I shall the more easily be forgiven its lesser Imperfections, for the Sake of that

greater Good which is intended by the Whole.

Eſpecially ſince I have taken Care to furniſh the Devout Chriſtian with Variety of proper Petitions and Expreſſions, wherein to lay open his Wants before God; either out of the Liturgy, or unexceptionable Fathers, or Writers of our moſt excellent Church.

May God of his great Mercy make theſe Devotions ſerviceable to the Ends for which they are deſigned: And may his good Spirit accompany the Uſe of them; that we may ſo pray, and ſo live, that our Prayers may derive a happy Influence upon our Lives; and our Lives give a Power and Efficacy to our Prayers; and both jointly contribute to our daily Increaſe in thoſe Divine Graces

and Virtues, which will entitle us to God's peculiar Favour and Bleſſing in this World; and to Glory, and eternal Happineſs in the World to come. *Amen.*

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Introductory Discourse
CONCERNING
PRAYER*.

PRAYER is the Address of the Soul to God, and the Ascent of the Mind towards Heaven, to desire God to bestow on us all such Things as are needful for our Souls and Bodies. Which receive different Names, according to the various Subjects the Mind is employed upon in such Addresses.

When at the Entrance of our Prayers we call upon God's Name, and make use of one, or more of his Attributes, it is called Invocation; when we bewail our particular Sins with Sorrow, and full Purposes of Amendment, Confession; when we implore God's Mercy, and desire any

* Collected from the Writings of Archbishop *Sharp*, Mr. *Crossinge*, *Nelson*, &c.

Favour from him, Petition; when for the averting any Evil, Deprecation; when we expreſs a grateful Senſe of Benefits receiv'd, Thankſgiving; when we acknowledge and adore the divine Perfections, Praiſe; when we beg any thing for others, Interceſſion.

Now the Way for God to hear our Prayers, is to aſk according to his Will [a], and to ſolicite his Favour upon ſuch Terms as he hath promiſed to grant it. Which implies, that when we beg Pardon for our Sins, we reſolve to forſake them; for the Prayer of the Wicked (that is of one who is reſolved to continue ſo) is an Abomination to the Lord [b]: That we may be ready to forgive thoſe that treſpaſs againſt us, becauſe it is the merciful Man that ſhall obtain Mercy [c]; that when we aſk for any Virtue, we muſt be ſure diligently to ſeek and endeavour after it; that when we crave the Help of Divine Grace, we muſt be ready to cooperate and concur with it; for to him that hath ſhall be given, and from him that hath not, ſhall be taken away even that which he hath [d]; That when we pray for any temporal Bleſſings, we take all prudent and lawful Means to acquire them, and reſign ourſelves entirely to the Wiſdom of his Providence, to give ſuch Succeſs to our Endeavours, as he ſhall think moſt conducing

[a] 1 John v. 14. iii. 23. [b] Prov. xv. 9. Matt. v. 7. [d] Mark iv. 25.

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to our Salvation, and the Good of others: and that all theſe Petitions for ſpiritual and temporal Wants, muſt be offered to God, through the Merits and Mediation of Jeſus Chriſt only: With ſuch Lowlineſs of Mind, ſuch reverent and ſerious Deportment, as may plainly teſtify the Reſpect and Veneration we have for God's infinite Majeſty. With that Intenſeneſs and Application of Thought, as to engage our Hearts as well as our Lips in his Service. With ſuch Fervency of Affection, and ſuch a Meaſure of Importunity, as may ſhew how deſirous we are of the Mercy we requeſt; and how highly we value and eſteem what we aſk for. With ſuch a Faith, as conſiſts in firmly believing we ſhall receive the good Things we deſire, when we have performed thoſe Conditions upon which God has promiſed to beſtow them. To all which, we muſt add Conſtancy and Perſeverance; taking all Opportunities for it, and ſpending much Time in this Duty.

The Deſign of Prayer, and all other Means of Grace, God has eſtabliſhed in Chriſtianity, was to conduct us to ſolid and ſubſtantial Piety: To plant in our Minds the Love and Fear of God's holy Name, and an utter Abhorrence of every thing that is evil: To make us juſt and upright in all our Dealings with our Neighbours, temperate in all our Enjoyments, charitable to-

wards the Needy and Afflicted, and zealous for the Salvation of our Brethren. And farther, ſo to ſpiritualize our Affections, that they might be raiſed above the trifling Concerns of this periſhing Life, and fixed upon a Good that is everlaſting and immutable. So that if we do not offer up our Prayers to God to theſe Ends and Purpoſes, they will no ways be acceptable in his Sight, but rather provoke his Wrath and Indignation againſt us, and increaſe our Condemnation, in that we pervert the very Means of our Recovery.

But on the other Hand; if we offer up our Prayers to the forementioned Ends, and perform the Conditions required of us, there is none of all the Duties enjoined by the Chriſtian Religion, will be more acceptable to God, or more beneficial to ourſelves.

For the conſtant Exerciſe of Prayer, is the beſt Method to get the Maſtery of our evil Inclinations, and to overcome our vitious Habits. It preſerves a lively Senſe of our Duty upon our Minds, and fortifies us againſt thoſe Temptations that continually aſſault us. It raiſes our Souls above this World, by making ſpiritual Objects familier to them; and ſupport us under the Calamities and Croſſes of this Life, by ſanctifying ſuch Afflictions. It leads us gradually to the Perfection of Chriſtian Piety, and pre-

preſerves that Union between our Souls and God in which our ſpiritual Life conſiſts. Without it we in vain pretend to diſcharge thoſe Duties that are incumbent upon us as Chriſtians, or to proſper in our temporal Affairs, which muſt have God's Bleſſing to crown them with Succeſs.

By Prayer we pay God the greateſt Worſhip and Adoration, we acknowledge and reverence his Attributes and Perfections, and give him the Honour which is due unto his Name. In making our Requeſt to him, we own him to be the ſupreme Governor of the World, and confeſs, that all things in Heaven and Earth are at his Diſpoſal: And in begging his Help and Aſſiſtance, we profeſs ourſelves to be his Creatures, and declare, that all our Dependence is upon his Goodneſs. By Prayer we pierce the Clouds, and bring down from Heaven all the good Things we can either need or deſire; hereby we obtain of God Pardon for our Sins, and Grace and Strength to conquer Temptations. Hereby we prevail upon him to deliver us from the Evils which we ſuffer, and to give us the Bleſſings which we want, to give us all Bleſſings ſpiritual and temporal. Tho' God be infinitely perfect in his own Nature, and all the Worſhip we can give him can add nothing to his Glory, tho' he be fully acquainted with all our Wants, and knows all our Neceſſities before we aſk;

tho' he needs none of our Prayers to perſuade him to be gracious, and is always ready to give us more than we deſire, yet he hath expreſsly commanded us to offer up our Prayers to him for the Mercies we expect at his Hands: He requires us to come into his Preſence, to fall down and kneel before him; that we may thereby teſtify our Obedience and Subjection to his glorious Majeſty, that we may thereby declare our own Meanneſs and Unworthineſs, and our firm Belief of his Power and All-ſufficiency, that he can do exceeding abundantly for us, and is able to ſave to the uttermoſt. He expects that we ſhould ſpread forth our Hands, and cry to him, and cry mightily, that we ſhould be earneſt, and fervent in our Prayers, to ſhew that our Hearts are eagerly ſet upon the Mercies we deſire, to ſhew that our Minds are poſſeſſed with a deep Senſe of our own Indigencies and Imperfections, and with a juſt Regard and true Eſteem for the Mercies and Bleſſings we are beſeeching him to give us. That we may be duly affected, and made fit and prepared to receive the great and ineſtimable Bleſſings he beſtows, God has thought fit in his Wiſdom to make our Praying the Condition of his Giving; all the Promiſes which he has made of beſtowing upon us his Favours and Mercies, run upon thoſe Terms, that we ſeek to him, and earneſtly pray unto him for the Benefit and

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Advantages of them: He hath declared that he is plenteous in Mercy unto all that call upon him[e], he hath promiſed that whatſoever we aſk it ſhall be given us[f]; but unleſs we call upon him, we have no Reaſon to expect any of his Mercies; unleſs we aſk, we cannot have the leaſt Warrant to hope that we ſhall receive. No wonder then, that the holy Scripture gives us ſo many earneſt and affectionate Exhortations, ſo many poſitive and ſtrict Commands to engage us to the Practice of this Duty. Our bleſſed Saviour ſeems more than ordinarily ſolicitous in recommending it, and labours to encourage our Conſtancy in the Performance of it with great Variety of Expreſſions: He commands us to aſk, to ſeek, and to knock[g], to apply ourſelves to God for his Aſſiſtance with Faith and Earneſtneſs, and Perſeverance: He exhorts us to wait upon God, to watch, and to pray, to have our Loins girded about, and our Lights burning, and to[h] furniſh our Minds with all the Powers of Faith, and with all the Reaſons of Conſtancy, to be always upon our Guard, and to ſecure ourſelves under God's Protection by Watchfulneſs and Prayer: And to ſhew what great and extraordinary Streſs our Saviour lays upon this Duty, to ſignify to us with what Ardour and Affection we ought to offer up

[e] Pſal. lxxxvi. 5.
[f] Matt. xxi. 22.
[g] Matt. vii. 7.
[h] Luke xiii. 35, 36.

our Prayers, he propounds to us two Parables; that Men ought always to pray and not to faint [i]; that we ſhould always be full of holy Zeal in our Prayers, and conſtantly keep up the Fervour of our Minds; that we ſhould be very urgent and importunate with God, and not leave off praying till our Requeſts are heard, and our Deſires anſwered. And the great Apoſtle St. *Paul*, who was always ready in all Things to imitate his Bleſſed Lord and Maſter, is alſo very earneſt and vehement in preſſing us to Conſtancy in this Duty, and urges us to it with Numbers of Injunctions and Exhortations. In his Epiſtle to the *Romans* [k], he exhorts us to continue inſtant in Prayer. In his Epiſtle to the *Epheſians* [l], to pray always with all Prayer and Supplication in the Spirit, and to watch thereunto with all Perſeverance: In his Epiſtle [m] to the *Coloſſians*, to continue in Prayer, and watch in the ſame with Thankſgiving, to make our Requeſts known unto God. In his firſt Epiſtle to *Timothy* [n], to continue in Supplications and Prayers Night and Day. In his firſt Epiſtle to the *Theſſalonians* [o], to pray without ceaſing. From all which we may infer, that there is no Duty that a Man can apply himſelf to, no Action that he can perform, to which there are

[i] Luke xviii. 1.
[l] Ephes. vi. 18.
[n] 1 Tim. v. 5.
[k] Rom. xii.
[m] Coloſſ. iv. 2.
[o] 1 Theſſ. v. 17.

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greater Invitations, greater Pleaſures, greater Honours, greater Benefits and Advantages.

For is it not reaſonable that the Sovereign Lord of us, and of all the World, ſhould be acknowledged by us? that we who do continually depend upon him, ſhould ever be looking up to him, and expreſſing that Dependence? Is it not reaſonable that we, who every Moment experience a thouſand Mercies and Favours of his, and muſt periſh the next Minute, unleſs they be continued to us? Is it not highly reaſonable that we ſhould take notice of theſe things to this our Benefactor? Is it not reaſonable that we ſhould adore and worſhip him whom Angels ſerve, and to whom all things in Heaven and in Earth do bow and obey? Is it not reaſonable that we ſhould devote our Souls and Bodies to his Service, who is the Author of them? To worſhip God what is it, but to purſue the great End of our Creation, to act conſonant to the Dignities of our Natures, and to govern our Lives by the Dictates of an enlightned Reaſon, and to repoſe our Confidence in that Being whoſe Goodneſs is as boundleſs as his Power? While we live in the conſtant Exerciſe of Devotion, we enjoy the Pleaſures of Angels and Men, and gratify our higheſt and nobleſt Powers, the intellectual Appetites of our Souls; which, as they are infinitely capacious, ſo have they an infinite Good to fill them

If we are conſtant in our Prayers to God, we ſhall every Day be more and more acquainted with him, and the more we are acquainted with him, and the more we underſtand of his Nature and Perfections, the more we ſhall love him and delight in him; and if we love him, we ſhall endeavour to pleaſe him, and to keep his Commandments, and do nothing that ſhall offend him; and by this Means we ſhall grow better Chriſtians.

If we are conſtant in our Prayers to God, we need not fear any thing that can befall us in this World, let what will happen, let us but implore God's Mercy and our Souls are ſafe. Whatever our Condition be, whether God viſits us with the Smiles of his Favour, or with the Chaſtiſement of his Rod; let us but pray to him, and rely upon him, and all Things will work together for our Good. If God has made us rich, let us beg his Grace that we may be kind and charitable; If he hath made us poor, let us beg his Grace that we may be humble and content; and ſo in either State we ſhall be eaſy and happy. If our Enemies oppreſs us and the World hate us, by Prayer we make God our Friend, and if he be for us, no matter who is againſt us. If our Minds are heavy and uneaſy, and our Souls diſquieted within us, let us betake ourſelves to Prayer, and he who can forgive us our Sins, will give

give us Peace: He will revive our Hearts, and turn our Mourning into Joy; he who is the Light of our Countenance, and our God. In all Exigences Prayer is the greateſt Comfort, and the ſtrongeſt Conſolation; it engages the Providence of God to ſupport us, and to undertake the Care of us; and if God careth for us, if we have his Power for our Guard, and his Goodneſs for our Succour, we are then infinitely ſafer than we can be in any Counſel and Wiſdom of our own. We may then caſt all our Care upon him, and not trouble ourſelves about what he orders concerning us: We need be careful for nothing, if we do by Prayer, and Supplication, and Thankſgiving, make our Requeſts known to God. If we are conſtant in our Prayers to God, and diligent to perform the Conditions that make our Prayers acceptable to him, whatever Bleſſing we pray for, God will give it us. He will bleſs us in our Perſons and in our Employments, in our Baſket and in our Store, in every Thing that we do. Above all, he will give us the Grace of his Holy Spirit, the Pardon of our Sins, and the Peace and Joy of a quiet Conſcience; ſo that we ſhall be happy now, and infinitely more hereafter.

If we pray earneſtly and often to God, how humble, how lowly, how heavenly, and exalted would our Souls be? With

what glorious Notions of the Divine Majesty, what dreadful Apprehension of Sin, what an unquenchable Thirst after Holiness, what Fears and Jealousies of the World, and Flesh, would our Spirits be blessed, and what a mighty Influence would all this have upon our Lives and Conversations?

To add to all this; by the Advantage of our Prayers we are enabled to become a publick Blessing, and every private Man a Benefactor to the whole World; and what can be greater in itself, and more acceptable to God, and to great and generous Minds? And consequently, what can a brave and publick spirited Man employ his Time in, with more Delight, than in that which (whatsoever his Fortunes and external Condition be) will make him a Blessing not only to his Friends and Neighbours, but to the Country and Times, he lives in, that even Kings and Princes are really beholden to him.

In the Performance of this Duty, what a high and honourable Privilege do we enjoy? A Privilege of coming into the Presence of God, of calling upon his Name, and of having the most near Communion with him. 'Tis deservedly esteemed among Men a great Honour and Dignity, now and then to have Access to the Presence, and Audience of an earthly Prince: But what a small Thing is this, if compared to the Ho-

nour and Advantage we receive in being admitted at all Times, and upon all Occasions, to speak to the Eternal God? To make our Requests known to him, who sitteth in the highest Heavens, and is the great King over all the Earth? To have the free Liberty of addressing ourselves to him, for his Help, as to a Friend, and of running to him in our Necessities, as to a Father? 'Tis the Happiness of the Saints above, and of the glorious Angels in Heaven, that they stand in God's Presence, and behold his Face; that they are constant and near in their Attendance upon God, and wait upon his Throne: And by Prayer we upon Earth enjoy the same Privilege and Happiness; by Prayer we enter more immediately into the same Presence, and do more nearly approach the Throne of the same God, only with this Difference, that as they draw near to the Throne of Glory, we draw near to the Throne of Grace.

Prayer is the most pleasant and delightful Exercise in the World: For nothing can be more delightful, than the Exercise of our highest Powers about their proper Object. And I appeal to the Sense and Experience of all religious Persons, whether the Delights and Satisfactions, and Consolation, that they receive from conversing with God, and a hearty pouring out their Souls unto him, be not inexpressible? Whether they

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do not find more Joy, and Peace, and Comfort, in their Attendance upod God's Service either in publick or private, than ever they did from the Pleasures and Gratifications of any of their outward Senses?

So much as the Soul is more pure and excellent than the Body, so much are the Pleasures and Gratifications of that, more exquisitely delicious than those that arise from corporeal Objects. But of all the Pleasures of the Soul, those it receiveth from the Communications of God to it, in the Exercise of Devotion, are incomparably the highest, and most affecting. We may talk of Pleasures and Enjoyments, but no Man ever truly found them, till he became acquainted with God, and was made sensible of his Love, and a Partaker of his spiritual Favours, and lived in an entire Friendship and Communion with him; which Friendship and Communion is chiefly, if not only, both expressed, and maintained, by Prayer and other Exercises of Devotion.

Prayer is one of the most easy, delightful, natural, inoffensive Duties in the World; so easy it is, that the most selfish Man, if he was to make his own Terms with God Almighty, could not desire to obtain the Blessings he stands in need of, upon easier. If all the Mercies and Benefits we daily and hourly need, and receive, be not worth asking at the Hands of God, or returning

Thanks for them, after he has beſtowed them, they are worth nothing.

The very Act of fervent Prayer is a kind of Transfiguration of the Soul; it makes a mighty Alteration in it for the better, gives it a heavenly Brightneſs and Serenity, raiſes and inſpirits it with new Life and Vigour; diſperſes melancholy Vapours, and in the chilleſt darkeſt Night of Affliction, makes us warm, and lightſome within.

For then we have our Converſation in Heaven, and even with the bleſſed God himſelf, in whoſe Preſence is Fulneſs of Joy. And can ſuch near Approaches to the Throne of Grace, fail of transforming a truly devout Soul, into a heavenly Frame and Temper, fill it with exalted Thoughts and joyous Perceptions, and give ſuch an inexpreſſible Turn to the Affections, as will raiſe it above itſelf, and far above the World, and all the low Concernments of it; and give it ſuch a raviſhing View, and delicious Foretaſte of the Glory that ſhall be revealed to, and conferred upon it, as will work an unaccountable Change in it, and make it look upon all its preſent momentary Troubles, as light and even nothing in Compariſon with thoſe future Hopes? So that Prayer and Devotion is as neceſſary a Means to preſerve the Union between the Soul and God, in which our ſpiritual Life

Life conſiſts, as Meat and Drink is to preſerve the Union between our Souls and Bodies, in which our natural Life conſiſts. And we may as reaſonably expect to keep our Bodies alive, without the conſtant and daily Uſe of eating and drinking, as we can expect to keep our Souls alive to God, without the conſtant and daily Exerciſe of Devotion: For where there is no praying, there is no Virtue, and conſequently no Salvation.

For God's Sake therefore, and for your own Soul's Sake, do not neglect your Prayers. As you every Day receive the renewed Pledges of God's Love and Goodneſs towards you in a thouſand Inſtances; ſo let every Day your Affection and Gratitude be expreſſed to him by hearty Prayer and Thankſgiving.

And now, what remains, but to exhort all Chriſtians, as they have any Regard for the Happineſs both of their Souls and Bodies; as they value the Favour of God, and would not deprive themſelves of a ſure Refuge in Times of Trouble and Temptation; nor fall under the Power and Dominion of their Luſts and Paſſions; thoſe cruel and tyrannical Maſters (to ſet us free from which, our Saviour vouchſafed to come into the World and die) that they would, in the Apoſtle's Senſe, pray without ceaſing; that is, not only be very frequent in Prayer

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to God, but keep up in their Minds such a devout and holy Flame, that they may be always in a fit Disposition to pray: To intreat them, I say, that they would not neglect a Duty, which is attended with such unspeakable Advantages; but that they would pray frequently to God in private, and if they have Families, that they would every Morning and Evening pray to God with them too, and always join in the publick Prayers of the Church, as often as they can.

This, I am perswaded, is the most likely Way we can take, to procure the Favour of God, and to draw down the Blessings of his Providence upon ourselves and Families; this will make our Bodies the Temples of the Holy Ghost, and invite that Blessed Spirit to take up his Residence in our Souls; in short, this will fill our Minds with Joy, and Peace, and Comfort in this World, and, through the Mercy of God, and the Merits of his dear Son, will make us everlastingly happy in that which is to come.

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DIRECTIONS

Concerning the Method of Daily Devotion,

FROM

Biſhop *Kenn*, and the Author of *The Duty of Man.*

AS ſoon as ever you awake in the Morning, ſtrive as earneſtly as you can to keep all worldly Thoughts out of your Mind, till you have preſented the firſt Fruits of the Day to God; which will be an excellent Preparative to make you ſpend the reſt of it the better; and at your firſt waking, or riſing, offer up to God the following Ejaculations.

Awake, O my Soul, and ſing Praiſes to God.

I laid me down and ſlept, and roſe up again, for the Lord ſuſtained me.

I ariſe from my Bed to glorify him. He, of his infinite Mercy, bleſs, preſerve, and keep me this Day and for ever. *Amen.*

Glory be to thee, O Lord, for watching over me this Night.

Lord, raiſe me up, at the laſt Day, to Life everlaſting.

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When you have thus begun, ſuffer not, without ſome urgent Neceſſity, any worldly Thoughts to fill your Heart, till you have paid your more ſolemn Devotions alſo to Almighty God, and therefore, while you are dreſſing yourſelf, exerciſe your Mind in ſpiritual and religious Meditations; conſider, to what Temptations, Buſineſs, or Company, you are that Day moſt likely to lay open, and arm yourſelf with Reſolutions againſt them; what Occaſions of doing Service to God, or Good to your Neighbour, are that Day moſt likely to offer themſelves, and reſolve to embrace them, and contrive how to improve them to the uttermoſt.

As ſoon as you are ready, enter into your Cloſet, and meekly kneeling on your Knees, offer up to God your Morning Sacrifice of Praiſe and Prayer.

Walk all the Day in the Fear of God, watch againſt every Temptation, neglect no Occaſion of doing Good, gladly embrace every Opportunity of frequenting the publick Worſhip of God in his Church: and when in the Evening you again retire into your Cloſet, proceed to examine your Heart:

What Sin, either of Thought, Word, or Deed, you have that Day committed.

What Opportunity of doing good you have omitted.

What Imperfections your religious Duties are chargeable with.

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Whether you have wrong'd your Neighbour in any thing; and if you have, whether you are ready to make him Reſtitution and Reparation.

Whether, if any Man have wrong'd you, you are ready to forgive him, even as you deſire that God for Chriſt's ſake ſhould forgive you.

Conſider alſo, what Mercies you have that Day received.

What Deliverances either from dangerous and violent Temptations, or from any great and apparent Danger. And if nothing extraordinary hath happen'd, but you have been kept even from the Approach of Danger, you have ſo much the greater Cauſe to magnify God, who hath ſo guarded you, that not the leaſt Fear of Evil hath come nigh your Dwelling.

After theſe Meditations offer up your Evening Sacrifice of Prayer and Praiſe, confeſs your Sins humbly and penitently, renew your Reſolutions of Amendment, and beg for Mercy thro' Chriſt; and this not ſlightly, and only as of courſe, but with all devout Earneſtneſs, as you would do, if you were ſure Death were as near approaching as your Sleep, which for ought you know may be ſo indeed, and therefore you ſhould no more venture to ſleep unreconciled to God, than you would dare to die ſo. Omit not alſo to pay him the Tribute of your humble

humble Thanks, as well for his uſual and daily Preſervations, as for his extraordinary Deliverances: and above all, endeavour by the Conſideration of his Mercies to have your Heart the more cloſely knit to him, remembring that every Favour received from him is a new Engagement upon you to love and obey him.

As you are putting off your Clothes, think with yourſelf that the time approaches, when you muſt put off your Body alſo, and your Soul muſt appear naked before God's Judgment Seat; and therefore, while it is now the accepted time, while the Day of Salvation laſteth, make your Calling and Election ſure, that the great and terrible Day of the Lord may not overtake you unawares.

As you began, ſo end with glorifying God, that the Outgoings of the Morning and Evening may praiſe him, and when you compoſe yourſelf to Reſt, ſay,

I will lay me down in Peace, and take my Reſt, for it is thou, O Lord, only, that makeſt me to dwell in Safety. Have Mercy upon me, O Lord, now, and at the Hour of Death.

Into thy Hands I recommend my Spirit; for thou haſt redeemed me, O Lord, thou God of Truth. Preſerve me while I am ſleeping, that my Soul may continually watch for thee, and both Body and Soul may reſt in thy Peace for ever.

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FOR

Perſons in Private,

FOR

Morning and Evening.

O Holy Bleſſed and Glorious Trinity, three Perſons and one God, have Mercy upon me, a miſerable Sinner.

Lord, I know not what to pray for as I ought, O let thy Spirit help my Infirmities, and enable me to offer up a ſpiritual Sacrifice, acceptable to thee, by Jeſus Chriſt.

A devout Oblation of ourſelves to God, and humble Supplication for the Protection and Guidance of his Spirit and Providence.

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TO thee, my moſt merciful Creator and Preſerver, I humbly offer up my Soul and Body, my Thoughts and Purpoſes, my Words and Actions; my Hopes and

and Desires, my Interests and Concerns; to be governed, guided, and sanctified by Thee, this Day and evermore.

O that this Day, and all my Days, may be employed in thy Service, and to thy Glory. O that I may walk before Thee, in the constant Awe of thy sacred Presence! And in such a Devout and Heavenly Frame of Mind, as may dispose me to be frequently lifting up my Heart unto thee in Acts of Adoration, Thanksgiving, Resignation, and Dependence: Guard me with thy blessed Angels: Preserve me from the Power of wicked Spirits, and from a wicked World. Let thy good Spirit direct and guide me, regulate my Words, and order my Conversation aright; and so influence me in all my Actions and Behaviour, that I may neither omit any Opportunity of doing Good, nor yield unto any Temptation to the Commission of Evil.

Enlighten my Understanding, in the Knowledge of thy Truth, sanctify my Affections, and bring my Will to a perfect Conformity to thy Holy Will. Lord, teach me how to pray, how to hear and read thy holy Word. Let not the Approaches or Menaces of ungodly Men, make me either ashamed or afraid to own myself thy Servant, but give me Courage and Wisdom, to do my Duty, what Dangers or Difficulties soever shall attend the doing of it. Make me

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all that Thou likeſt, and pardon and reform in me whatever offends Thee; that being ſanctified with thy Grace, and living in thy Fear and Service, I may die in thy Favour, and at the General Reſurrection in the laſt Day, may be numbred with thy Saints in Glory everlaſting, through the Merits of thy Son our Saviour Jeſus Chriſt. *Amen.*

AND, O moſt bleſſed and moſt adorable God, through whoſe Mercy alone it is that I have been preſerved the Night paſt, and have another Day added to my Life; I adore and praiſe thy holy Name, for thy renewed Goodneſs to me this Morning; and moſt heartily I beſeech Thee to take me again into thy Cuſtody; and ſo to govern me by thy Grace, that I may neither think, nor ſpeak, nor act any Thing this Day, that may diſpleaſe Thee, or wound my own Soul. Oh! let my Heart be in thy Fear all the Day long; and let me ſet Thee before my Face continually: Make it my Delight to be doing my Duty; and the ſupreme Deſire of my Soul, to be an Inſtrument of thy Glory, and of Good to my Fellow Creatures. And I beſeech Thee, O Lord, give thy Holy Angels Charge over me, to preſerve me in my going out, and coming in, and to keep me in all my Ways, that no Evil happen unto me; nor

nor any Plague come nigh my Dwelling; but that I and mine may be safe under thy gracious Protection, this Day and evermore, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

HELP me, O Lord, to be sincere and hearty in the Dedication of myself, and of all the Powers and Faculties of my Soul and Body, to thy Obedience and Service. And grant I may always carry about with me such a lively Sense of the Infinite Obligations I lie under to be Thine for evermore; that all worldly Passions and Inclinations, all sensual Appetites and inordinate Affections, may be entirely shut out of my Mind; and I so intimately united to Thee, and filled with such a delightful Sense of thy adorable Perfections, as may leave a lasting Impression upon my Soul, and make it henceforth the Joy and Rejoycing of my Heart, to Praise and Worship Thee; and my Meat and Drink to do thy Will: That so as long as I live, I may daily offer up myself to thy Divine Majesty, more Pure and Holy, more Chaste and Sober, more Humble and Meek, more Devout and Thankful, more chearfully disposed to every good Work, and better prepared to bear a Part in the Hymns and Service of the glorious Company above, who are evermore praising Thee, and saying, Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts! Heaven

and Earth are full of thy Glory! Glory be to thee, O Lord most High. *Amen.*

This Oblation may be omitted, when Time will not permit.

A General Thanksgiving.

HIdem.

O Most gracious and most bountiful Lord, who art Good, and doſt Good, and art pleaſed in Mercy; I deſire to bleſs and adore thy Holy Name, for all the Manifeſtations of thy Goodneſs to me and all Mankind. I bleſs thee for making us after thy own Image, capable of knowing, ſerving, and enjoying thee for ever, and for reſtoring us when loſt, to the Hope of immortal Happineſs, by the Sufferings and Death, the Reſurrection and Interceſſion of thy dear Son Jeſus Chriſt, who came into the World to redeem us from the Puniſhment of our Sins by his Blood; and from the Power of them by his Grace, and by both, to bring us to his Glory

O Lord, I bleſs thee for all the Spiritual and Temporal Bleſſings to my Friends, Relations and Benefactors. More particularly, I adore and magnify thy Mercy to me, thy moſt ſinful and unworthy Servant. I thank Thee for the Uſe of all thy preſent good

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Things; and for the Hope of Future: For my natural and spiritual Life; and for thy Bounty in vouchsafing me so many Advantages for the comfortable Support of the one, and the happy Improvement of the other, above what thou affordest to Multitudes of my Fellow Creatures. I praise thee for thy preventing and assisting Grace; for any good Motions Thou hast raised in my Heart, for being kept from any wilful Sin, or enabled to overcome any Temptation. I thank thee, O Lord, for any Degree of Holiness, and for any Increase of Knowledge in divine or useful Truths.

Blessed be thy Holy Name, O God, for thy renewed Goodness to me this Day; for thy Patience and Long-Suffering towards me, notwithstanding my continued Provocations, for the Protection and Guidance of thy Spirit and Providence; for delivering me from innumerable Accidents and Dangers; for all the Benefits I have received; for any Good I have thought, said, or done.

Lord, give me Grace to use and improve all thy Blessings here, that they may be an Earnest to me of those richer Blessings which thou hast prepared in Heaven for those that love thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with Thee, and the Holy Ghost, be all Honour and Glory, World without End. *Amen.*

A Confeſſion.

[*The Author of* The Whole Duty of Man.

O Righteous Lord, who hateſt Iniquity, I thy ſinful Creature caſt myſelf at thy Feet, acknowledging that I moſt juſtly deſerve to be utterly abhorr'd and forſaken by thee: For I have drank Iniquity like Water, gone on in a continual Courſe of Sin and Rebellion againſt Thee, daily committing thoſe Things thou forbiddeſt, and leaving undone thoſe Things thou commandeſt: Mine Heart, which ſhould be an Habitation for thy Spirit, is full of all Uncleanneſs; and out of this Abundance of the Heart my Mouth ſpeaketh, my Hands act, ſo that in Thought, Word and Deed, I continually tranſgreſs againſt thee: (*Here mention the greateſt of thy Sins.*) Nay, O Lord, I have deſpiſed that Goodneſs of thine which ſhould lead me to Repentance, hardening my Heart againſt all thoſe Means Thou haſt uſed for my Amendment. And now, Lord, what can I expect from Thee, but Judgment and fiery Indignation, that is indeed the due Reward of my Sins: But, there is Mercy with Thee, that thou mayeſt be feared. O fit me for that Mercy, by giving me a deep and hearty Repentance; and then, according to thy Goodneſs, let thine

thine Anger and thy Wrath be turned away from me: Look upon me in thy Son my bleſſed Saviour, and for the Merits of his Sufferings, pardon all my Sins; and by the Power of thy Grace, ſo renew and purify my Heart, that I may become a new Creature, utterly forſaking every evil Way, and living in a conſtant, ſincere, univerſal Obedience to Thee all the Reſt of my Days; that behaving myſelf here as a good and faithful Servant, I may by thy Mercy at the laſt, be received into the Joy of my Lord. Grant this for Jeſus Chriſt his Sake.

A Prayer for Grace, faithfully to diſcharge our whole Chriſtian Duty.

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O Moſt gracious God, from whom every good and perfect Gift cometh, I wretched Creature, that am not able of myſelf ſo much as to think a good Thought, beſeech thee to work in me, both to will and to do according to thy good Pleaſure. Enlighten my Mind, that I may know thee, and let me not be barren or unfruitful in that Knowledge: Lord, work in my Heart a true Faith, a purifying Hope, and an unfeigned Love towards thee; give me a full Truſt on thee, Zeal for thee, Reverence of all Things that relate to thee. Make me fearful to offend thee, thankful for thy Mer-

cies, humble under thy Corrections, devout in thy Service, and ſorrowful for my Sins: And grant that in all Things I may behave myſelf ſo, as befits a Creature to his Creator, a Servant to his Lord. Enable me likewiſe to perform that Duty I owe to myſelf, give me that Meekneſs, Humility, and Contentedneſs, whereby I may always poſſeſs my Soul in Patience and Thankfulneſs; make me diligent in all my Duties, watchful againſt all Temptations, perfectly pure and temperate, and ſo moderate in my moſt lawful Enjoyments, that they may never become a Snare to me. Make me alſo, O Lord, to be ſo affected towards my Neighbour, that I may never tranſgreſs that Royal Law of thine, of loving him as myſelf; grant me exactly to perform all Parts of Juſtice, yielding to all whatſoever by any Kind of Right becomes their due; and give me ſuch Bowels of Mercy and Compaſſion, that I may never fail to do all Acts of Charity to all Men, whether Friends or Enemies, according to thy Command and Example. Finally I beſeech thee, O Lord, to ſanctify me throughout, that my whole Spirit, and Soul, and Body, may be preſerved blameleſs, unto the Coming of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt; to whom with thee and the Holy Ghoſt, be all Honour and Glory for ever. *Amen.*

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O God the Creator and Preſerver of all Mankind, I humbly beſeech thee for all Sorts and Conditions of Men, that thou would'ſt be pleaſed to make thy Ways known unto them, thy ſaving Health unto all Nations. More eſpecially I pray for the good Eſtate of the Catholick Church; that it may be ſo guided and governed by thy good Spirit, that all who profeſs and call themſelves Chriſtians may be led into the Way of Truth, and hold the Faith in Unity of Spirit, in the Bond of Peace, and in Righteouſneſs of Life.

Be mereiful and gracious to this Church and Nation to which I belong; give us all Grace ſincerely to repent of the Evil of our Ways, and pardon all our Sins. Put a Stop to all Profaneneſs, Irreligion, Hereſy, Schiſm, and Impiety; and grant that Truth and Juſtice, Peace and Charity, Brotherly Love, and Unity, and all Chriſtian Virtues, may for ever flouriſh and increaſe among us.

Bleſs our Governors in Church and State; direct and proſper all their Conſultations, to the Puniſhment of Wickedneſs and Vice, to the Advancement of thy Glory, the Good of thy Church, the Safety, Honour, and

Welfare, of our Sovereign King *George* and his Kingdoms.

And of thy Goodneſs, O Lord, comfort and ſuccour all them, who in this tranſitory Life are in Trouble, Sorrow, Need, Sickneſs, or any other Adverſity. Look upon them with the Eyes of thy Mercy, give them Comfort and ſure Confidence in thee, and, in thy due Time, a happy Deliverance out of all their Afflictions.

I make my humble Supplications to thee, for all my Benefactors, Friends, and Relations; let thy Fatherly Hand be ever over them; let thy holy Spirit be ever with them; and ſo lead them in the Knowledge and Obedience of thy Word, that in the End they may obtain everlaſting Life. Theſe, and whatever elſe thou ſeeſt neceſſary for them, for me, and all Chriſtians, and the whole Race of Mankind, in Reference to our Spiritual, Temporal, and Eternal Welfare; I humbly beg in the Name and Mediation of Jeſus Chriſt our Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

O Lord, pardon the Wandrings and Coldneſs of theſe Petitions, and deal with me not according either to my Prayers or Deſerts, but according to my Needs, and thine own rich Mercies in Jeſus Chriſt, in whoſe bleſſed Name and Words, I conclude theſe my imperfect Prayers, ſaying, *Our Father*, &c.

Prayers for Night.

O Holy, Bleſſed, and Glorious Trinity, three Perſons and one God, have Mercy upon me a miſerable Sinner.

Lord I know not what to pray for as I ought, O let thy Spirit help my Infirmities, and enable me to offer up a ſpiritual Sacrifice, acceptable unto thee by Jeſus Chriſt.

A Confeſſion.

[*The Author of* The Whole Duty of Man.

O Moſt holy Lord God, who art of purer Eyes than to behold Iniquity, how ſhall I abominable Wretch dare to appear before thee, who am nothing but Pollution. I am defiled in my very Nature, having a Backwardneſs to all Good, and a Readineſs to all Evil; but I have defiled myſelf yet much worſe, by my own actual Sins, and wicked Cuſtoms. I have tranſgreſſed my Duty to Thee, my Neighbour, and myſelf, and that both in Thought, Word, and Deed, by doing thoſe Things which Thou haſt expreſly forbidden, and by neglecting to do thoſe Things Thou haſt commanded me. And this not only through Ignorance and Frailty, but knowingly and willingly, againſt the Motions of thy Spirit, and the Checks of my

own Conſcience to the contrary. And to make all theſe out of Meaſure ſinful, I have gone on in a daily Courſe of repeating theſe Provocations againſt thee, notwithſtanding all thy Calls to, and my own Purpoſes and Vows of Amendment; yea this very Day I have not ceaſed to add new Sins to all my former Guilts. [*Here mention the Particulars.*] And now, O Lord, what ſhall I ſay, or how ſhall I open my Mouth, ſeeing I have done theſe Things? I know that the Wages of theſe Sins is Death. But O thou, who willeſt not the Death of a Sinner, have Mercy upon me, work in me, I beſeech thee, a ſincere Contrition, and a perfect Hatred of my Sins; and let me not daily confeſs, and yet as daily renew them; but grant, O Lord, that from this Inſtant I may give a Bill of Divorce to all my moſt beloved Luſts; and then be thou pleaſed to marry me to thyſelf in Truth, Righteouſneſs, and true Holineſs. And for all my paſt Sins, O Lord, receive that Reconciliation; accept of that Ranſom thy bleſſed Son hath payed for me; and for his Sake, whom thou haſt ſet forth as a Propitiation, pardon all my Offences, and receive me to thy Favour. And when thou haſt thus ſpoken Peace to my Soul, Lord keep me that I turn not any more to Folly, but ſo eſtabliſh me with thy Grace, that no Temptation of the World, the Devil, or my own Fleſh, may

may ever draw me to offend Thee; that being made free from Sin, and becoming a faithful Servant unto God, I may have my Fruit unto Holiness, and the End everlasting Life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Thanksgiving.

[New Manual, &c.

O Thou Father of Mercies, who art kind even to the Unthankful; I offer up to thy Divine Majesty the Evening Sacrifice of my unfeigned Praises, in return for all those numberless Mercies, both Temporal and Spiritual, which thou from Time to Time, hast bestowed upon me, and all Mankind: More particularly I praise and glorify thy holy Name for the Mercies of the Day past; [*Here mention the particular Mercies of the Day.*] For whatever Sin I have escaped, and whatever Good I have done or thought; for all the Means of Grace, and for the Hope of Glory. But above all, I praise and magnify thy Holy Name for the Redemption of me, and all Mankind, by the Death and Passion of thy dear Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

What shall I render unto the Lord for all these Benefits he hath done unto me? Lord let this Goodness of thine lead me to Repentance, and grant that I may not only

offer thee Thanks and Praiſe, but may alſo order my Converſation aright, that ſo I may at the laſt ſee the Salvation of God, through Jeſus Chriſt. *Amen.*

Here uſe the Prayer for Grace, and that of Interceſſion appointed for the Morning.

For Preſervation.

[Duty of Man.

O Bleſſed Lord, the Keeper of *Iſrael* that neither ſlumbereſt nor ſleepeſt, be pleaſed in thy Mercy to watch over me this Night; keep me by thy Grace from all Works of Darkneſs, and defend me by thy Power from all Dangers: Grant me moderate and refreſhing Sleep, ſuch as may fit me for the Duties of the Day following. And Lord make me ever mindful of that Time, when I ſhall lie down in the Duſt; and becauſe I know neither the Day nor the Hour of my Maſter's Coming, grant me Grace that I may be always ready, that I may never live in ſuch a State, as I ſhall fear to die in; but that whether I live, I may live unto the Lord, or whether I die, I may die unto the Lord: ſo that living and dying I may be thine, through Jeſus Chriſt.

Uſe the ſame concluding Prayer, as in the Morning.

PRAYERS

PRAYERS

To be uſed with a FAMILY,

Morning and Evening.

A Prayer that God would be pleaſed to aſſiſt us in our Devotions.

LET thy merciful Ears, O Lord, be open to the Prayers of thy unworthy Servants, and that we may obtain our Petitions, make us to aſk ſuch Things as ſhall pleaſe thee; and to offer up our Supplications at the Throne of thy Grace, with humble, lowly, penitent, and obedient Hearts, not truſting in our own Righteouſneſs, but in thy manifold and great Mercies, thro' Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

General Confeſſion.

ALmighty God, Father of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, Maker of all Things, Judge of all Men, we acknowledge and bewail our

our manifold Sins and Wickedneſs, which we from time to time moſt grievouſly have committed, by Thought, Word, and Deed, againſt thy divine Majeſty, provoking moſt juſtly thy Wrath and Indignation againſt us. We do earneſtly repent, and are heartily ſorry for theſe our Miſdoings; the Remembrance of them is grievous unto us; the Burden of them is intolerable. Have Mercy upon us, have Mercy upon us, moſt merciful Father, for thy Son our Lord Jeſus Chriſt's Sake, forgive us all that is paſt, and grant that we may ever hereafter ſerve and pleaſe thee in Newneſs of Life, to the Honour and Glory of thy Name, thro' Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

For Pardon.

ALMIGHTY God our Heavenly Father, who of thy great Mercy hath promiſed Forgiveneſs of Sins to all them that with hearty Repentance and true Faith turn unto thee; have Mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our Sins, confirm and ſtrengthen us in all Goodneſs, and bring us to everlaſting Life, thro' Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

For

For Repentance, and the Grace of the Holy Spirit, to enable us to amend our Lives, and to devote ourſelves entirely to the Worſhip and Service of God.

GRANT to us, merciful God, we moſt humbly beſeech thee, true Repentance, that we may be cleanſed from all our Sins, and ſerve thee with a quiet Mind, and that thoſe Things may pleaſe thee, which we do at this preſent, endue us with the Grace of thy Holy Spirit, to amend our Lives according to thy Holy Word, and do every thing that is good and acceptable in thy Sight; that the reſt of our Lives hereafter may be pure and holy, and all the Powers and Faculties of our Souls, wholly devoted to thy Service, and taking the greateſt Delight in Religious Exerciſes: That ſo by doing all the Good we can, and acquiring all the Degrees of Virtue, that are within our Power, we may at laſt come to thine everlaſting Joy, thro' the Merits of Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, *&c.*

For withſtanding the Temptations of the World, the Fleſh, and the Devil; and for ſerving God in Holineſs and Pureneſs of Living.

O GOD of all Purity, grant us Grace to withſtand the Temptations of the World, the Fleſh, and the Devil; that our Hearts, and all our Members being mortified from all worldly and carnal Luſts, we may in all Things obey thy bleſſed Will, and with pure Hearts and Minds to follow thee, the only God: And ſo ſtrengthen us by thy Grace, that by the Innocency of our Lives, and Conſtancy of our Faith (even unto Death) we may always ſerve thee in Righteouſneſs, and true Holineſs of Living, to the Honour and Glory of thy Name, thro' Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

For

For the Aſſiſtance of the Holy Spirit, to enable us to do all good Works, and to practiſe all Chriſtian Virtues.

O God, foraſmuch as without thee, we are not able to pleaſe thee, mercifully grant that thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our Hearts, and make us continually to be given to all good Works; that we being ready both in Body and Soul, may chearfully accompliſh thoſe things which thou wouldſt have done, and ſo run the Way of thy Commandments, that we may pleaſe thee both in Will and Deed, and obtain thy gracious Promiſes, by being made Partakers of thy heavenly Treaſure, thro' Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

DEfend us, O Lord, with thy heavenly Aid; and pour into our Hearts thy manifold Gifts of Grace; the Spirit of Wiſdom and Underſtanding; the Spirit of Counſel and Ghoſtly Strength; the Spirit of Knowledge and true Godlineſs; and fill us, O Lord, with the Spirit of thy holy Fear; graft in our Souls the Love of thy Name, increaſe in us true Religion, nouriſh us with all Goodneſs, and of thy great Mercy keep

keep us in the ſame; that we may continue Thine for ever, and daily increaſe in thy Holy Spirit, more and more, until we come to thy everlaſting Kingdom, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

ALmighty Lord God, holy and eternal Jeſus, who haſt created all Things for thy own Glory and Service, give us Grace to direct all our Thoughts, Words, and Works, to that one End; and preſs forward towards the Prize of the high Calling that is ſet before us, with Faith and Patience, Humility and Meekneſs, Mortification and Self-Denial, Charity and conſtant Perſeverance in theſe, and all other Chriſtian Virtues unto the End; that ſo following the bleſſed Steps of thy moſt holy Life, by ſerving thee faithfully here, we may glorify thee eternally in thy Kingdom hereafter, through the ſame Jeſus Chriſt, our Saviour. *Amen.*

Interceſſion.

[Mr. HELL, *&c.*

O Bleſſed Lord, whoſe Mercy is over all thy Works! We beſeech thee to have Mercy upon all Men; and grant that the precious Ranſom which was paid by thy Son for all, may be effectual to the ſaving of all. Give thy enlightening Grace to thoſe that

that are in Darkneſs, and thy converting Grace to thoſe that are in Sin.

Inſpire continually the univerſal Church with the Spirit of Truth, Unity, and Concord. And grant that all that do confeſs thy holy Name, may agree in the Truth of thy holy Word, and be united to thee by Purity and Holineſs, and to each other by Unity and godly Love.

More eſpecially we beſeech thee, O Lord, to defend the Church of *England*, from all the Aſſaults of Hereſy, Schiſm, Deiſm, Atheiſm, and Sacrilege: Infatuate and defeat the evil Deſigns and Enterprizes of all her Enemies againſt her. That ſo her Peace and Order may be preſerved inviolable; her Articles, Canons, and Conſtitutions, obſerved and practiſed; her Liturgy and divine Offices univerſally complied with, and continue in Uſe, Honour, and Veneration in this Church, as long as the Sun and Moon endureth.

Give to all the People of this Nation ſincere Repentance, and the Pardon of all their Sins; and enable them to obey the Doctrine of God our Saviour in all Things. And grant that Peace and Happineſs, Truth and Juſtice, Brotherly Love and Unity, and all Chriſtian Virtues may for ever flouriſh and encreaſe among us; that thou mayeſt rejoyce over us, to bleſs us, and to do us Good, from Generation to Generation.

Endue

Endue all Orders and Degrees of Men amongſt us, and eſpecially all our Governours, Eccleſiaſtical and Civil, with thoſe Graces and Virtues which may enable them to diſcharge their ſeveral Truſts in ſuch a Manner, as will be moſt for thy Honour and Glory, and for the Peace and Proſperity, both of Church and State.

Give Ear to the Cry of the Sick and Needy, the Sorrowful and Diſtreſſed, and all that groan under any Kind of Adverſity; of thy fatherly Goodneſs comfort and relieve them, according to their ſeveral Neceſſities; give them Patience, Comfort and ſure Confidence in thee; ſanctify thy Fatherly Chaſtiſement to their Profit, and in thy good Time deliver them out of all their Troubles.

We commend to thy particular Protection and Favour all our Relations, Friends, Benefactors, and Neighbours; grant them all Things neceſſary for Life and Godlineſs: Let thy Fear be ever before their Eyes, to preſerve them from Sin and Error, and let thy Bleſſing always reſt upon them: Make them faithful in their ſeveral Callings, eminently holy in all their Converſations, and entirely conſecrated to thy Service: Guide them with thy Counſel in this Life, and afterwards receive them into thy Kingdom and Glory, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

A General Thankſgiving.

ALmighty God, Father of all Mercies, we thine unworthy Servants do give thee moſt humble and hearty Thanks, for all thy Goodneſs and Loving-kindneſs to us, and to all Men. We bleſs thee for our Creation, Preſervation, and all the Bleſſings of this Life; but above all, for thine ineſtimable Love in the Redemption of the World, by our Lord Jeſus Chriſt; for the Means of Grace, and for the Hope of Glory. And we beſeech thee give us that due Senſe of all thy Mercies, that our Hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we may ſhew forth thy Praiſe, not only with our Lips, but in our Lives, by giving up ourſelves to thy Service, and by walking before thee in Holineſs and Righteouſneſs all our Days, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord; to whom with thee, and the Holy Ghoſt, be all Honour and Glory, World without End. *Amen.*

For the Divine Protection.

OAlmighty God! We give thee humble Thanks that thou haſt vouchſafed to deliver us, from all the Perils and Dangers of the Night paſt, and haſt ſafely brought

in the ſame with thy mighty Power, and grant that this Day we fall into no Sin, neither run into any kind of Danger; but that all our Doings may be ordered by thy Governance, to do always that which is righteous in thy Sight; and live, and walk, according to thy Will in this Life preſent; and alſo may be Partakers of everlaſting Glory in the Life to come, though Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

At Night omit this Prayer, and add the following.

[Mr. Hele.

O Lord our heavenly Father, by whoſe gracious Providence both Day and Night are governed, we humbly preſent unto thee our Sacrifice of Praiſe and Thankſgiving, for thy Fatherly Goodneſs towards us, this Day paſt; earneſtly beſeeching thee to continue thy merciful Protection over us this Night. Lighten our Eyes, that we ſleep not in Death; defend us from all Dangers Ghoſtly and Bodily; and keep us in perpetual Peace and Safety. And foraſmuch as thou haſt made the Time of our Departure out of this Life uncertain, grant that we may be always watching for the Coming of our Lord to Judgment, and ſo wiſely employ the few remaining Days of our Pilgrimage here on Earth, that when we leave this World, our Souls may be admitted into

thoſe bleſſed Manſions, which thou haſt appointed for the departed Spirits of the Righteous, there to abide in perfect Reſt and Peace, till the Sound of the laſt Trumpet ſhall awaken our Bodies alſo, unto a glorious Reſurrection to Eternal Life, thro' the Merits of thy only Son Jeſus Chriſt our Saviour. *Amen.*

A Prayer for the Acceptance of our Devotions.

ALmighty God, who haſt promiſed to hear the Petitions of them that aſk in thy Son's Name, we beſeech thee mercifully to incline thine Ears unto us, who have made now our Prayers and Supplications unto thee; and grant that thoſe Things which we have faithfully aſked according to thy Will, may be effectually obtained, to the Relief of our Neceſſities, and to the ſetting forth of thy Glory, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

Unto God's gracious Favour and Protection, we moſt humbly commend ourſelves, and all that belong unto us; the Lord bleſs us, and keep us; the Lord make his Face to ſhine upon us, and be gracious unto us; the Lord lift up the Light of his Countenance upon us; and give us his Grace, this Night, and for evermore. *Amen.*

PRAYERS

Morning and Evening
PRAYERS
FOR
Children and Servants.

A Child's Prayer in the Morning.

[Mr. Dyche.

BLeſſed be thy holy Name, O gracious God, for the Protection I have received from thy Hand this Night paſt, and for thy continual Care and Preſervation of me hitherto. Be pleaſed to continue me ſtill under thy watchful Providence, that no Evil may befall me this Day. And grant me Grace to avoid all Temptations to Sin, that I may do nothing that is contrary to thy moſt holy Commandments; but that as I grow in Years, ſo I may grow in good Learning and Grace, to the Glory of thy heavenly Majeſty, and the Salvation of my immortal Soul, through Jeſus Chriſt our only Saviour and Redeemer. *Amen.*

A Child's Prayer in the Evening.

O Lord God Almighty, who by thy provident Care haſt ſafely brought me to the Concluſion of this Day, I offer thee the Tribute of my humbleſt Thanks, and Praiſe for that, and for all other thy Mercies, from Time to Time conferred upon me. Be pleaſed, O gracious Father, to protect me this Night from all Harm. Pardon the Sins I have committed againſt thee this Day, whether in Thought, Word, or Deed; and blot out all the Tranſgreſſions of my ſinful Life; through the Blood of the holy Jeſus. Endue me with thy heavenly Grace, that I may live godly, righteouſly, and ſoberly in this World. Bleſs my Parents, my Friends, my Relations, and thoſe that have the Care of my Education; that by their prudent Means, I may daily encreaſe in Learning, and good Manners, as I advance in Years, to the Glory of thy divine Majeſty, through Jeſus Chriſt our Saviour. *Amen.*

A Prayer for a Servant, to be uſed Morning and Evening.

[New Manual.

O Lord my God, the great Creator and Preſerver of all Mankind; I bleſs and praiſe thy holy Name for all thy Mercies to my Soul and Body.

O God, thou Witneſs of all my Actions, and Judge of all my Thoughts, and Affections; what would become of me, if thou ſhould'ſt enter into ſtrict Judgment with me! How ſhould I ſtand before thy Tribunal, covered with the Guilt and Shame of my Sins! Lord, I repent, increaſe thou my Repentance; I repent of —— [*Here mention thoſe Sins which moſt burden thy Conſcience.*] O be thou reconciled unto me, and pardon me, for the Sake of Jeſus Chriſt; and not only pardon my Sins, but deliver me from the Power and Dominion of them.

I am conſcious to myſelf, of great Weakneſs and Frailty; O do thou confirm and ſtrengthen me; create in me a clean Heart, O God, and renew a right Spirit within me. Give me a true Faith, and inflame my Heart with a holy Love; that I may delight in thy Commandments; that I may walk

walk before thee in Uprightneſs and Fear; in Faithfulneſs and Honeſty; conſtantly and chearfully depending upon thee, and doing the Duty of my Place, not with Eye-Service, but with Singleneſs of Heart, as knowing that I ſhall be accountable to thee at the laſt Day, as well for thoſe Duties which I owe my Maſter and Miſtreſs, as for thoſe which are more immediately to be paid to thee.

Lord, I beſeech thee, keep me from all opprobrious and reproachful Language; from all lying and ſlandering, and from all unjuſt and deceitful Actions. Make me always thankful, humble, and contented; neither with-holding from thee the Praiſe due to thy infinite Bounty and Mercy; nor from Man the Thanks due to him, for any Act of Kindneſs or Charity towards me. Help me, O my God, ſo to walk before thee, that my Soul may enjoy a true Liberty; that my Life may be full of Comfort, my Death of Peace, and that I may obtain eternal Glory, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord.

Bleſs this whole Family to which I belong; ſow in all our Hearts the Seeds of unfeigned Charity, that we may all enjoy the Comforts of a mutual Affection, and of a mutual Aſſiſtance and Aid in our ſeveral Places.

Poſſeſs us with a juſt Senſe of Duty towards thee, and towards Man; that we may

be living Members of thy bleſſed Son; and grant that being protected by thy Word, and aſſiſted by the Influence of thy holy Spirit, we may meet in the Family of Heaven, where we ſhall adore and praiſe thee, love and enjoy thee to all Eternity, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord; in the fulleſt Senſe of whoſe Words, I pray to be heard, for myſelf, and all Mankind.

Our Father, &c.

THREE

THREE HYMNS FOR Morning, Evening, and Midnight.

By Bp. Kenn.

A Morning HYMN.

AWake, my Soul, and with the Sun
Thy daily Stage of Duty run:
Shake off dull Sloth, and early riſe,
To pay thy Morning Sacrifice.

Redeem thy miſpent Time that's paſt,
Live this Day as if 'twere thy laſt:
T' improve thy Talents take due Care,
'Gainſt the great Day thyſelf prepare.

Let all thy Converſe be ſincere;
Thy Conſcience as the Noon-Day clear:
Think how th' All-ſeeing God thy Ways
And all thy ſecret Thoughts ſurveys.

Wake and lift up thyself, my Heart,
And with the Angels bear thy Part,
Who all Night long unwearied sing,
Glory to the Eternal King.

I wake, I wake, ye Heavenly Choir!
May your Devotion me inspire:
That I like you my Age may spend;
Like you may on my God attend.

May I, like you, in God delight,
Have all Day long my God in Sight:
Perform, like you, my Maker's Will;
O may I never more do Ill!

Glory to Thee, who safe hast kept,
And hast refresh'd me while I slept:
Grant, Lord, when I from Death shall wake,
I may of endless Light partake.

Lord, I my Vows to Thee renew,
Scatter my Sins as Morning-Dew:
Guard my first Spring of Thought and Will,
And with thyself my Spirit fill.

Direct, controul, suggest this Day,
All I design, or do, or say:
That all my Powers, with all their Might,
In thy sole Glory may unite.

Praise

Praiſe God, from whom all Bleſſings flow;
Praiſe him, all Creatures here below;
Praiſe him above, ye Angelick Hoſt:
Praiſe Father, Son, and Holy Ghoſt.

An Evening HYMN.

GLory to thee, my God, this Night,
For all the Bleſſings of the Light:
Keep me, O keep me, King of Kings,
Under thy own Almighty Wings.

Forgive me, Lord, for thy dear Son,
The Ills that I this Day have done;
That with the World, myſelf, and thee,
If e'er I ſleep, at Peace may be.

Teach me to live, that I may dread
The Grave as little as my Bed:
Teach me to die, that ſo I may
Triumphing riſe at the laſt Day.

O may my Soul on thee repoſe,
And with ſweet Sleep mine Eye-lids Cloſe:
Sleep that may me more vigorous make,
To ſerve my God when I awake.

When in the Night I ſleepleſs lie,
My Soul with heavenly Thoughts ſupply:

Let no ill Dreams disturb my Rest,
No Powers of Darkness me molest.

Let my blest Guardian, whilst I sleep,
Close to my Bed his Vigils keep;
Divine Love into me instil,
Stop all the Avenues of Ill.

Thought to Thought with my Soul converse,
Celestial Joys to me rehearse;
And in my Stead, all the Night long,
Sing to my God a grateful Song.

Praise God, from whom all Blessings flow;
Praise him all Creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye Angelick Host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

A Midnight HYMN

LORD, now my Sleep does me forsake,
The sole Possession of me take:
Let no vain Fancy me illude,
No one impure Desire intrude.

My Soul, when I shake off this Dust,
Lord, in thy Arms I will intrust:
O make me thy peculiar Care,
Some heavenly Mansion me prepare.

Give

Give me a Place at thy Saints Feet,
Or ſome fall'n Angel's vacant Seat:
I'll ſtrive to ſing as loud as they,
Who ſit above in brighter Day.

O may I always ready ſtand,
With my Lamp burning in my Hand;
May I in Sight of Heaven rejoice,
Whene'er I hear the Bridegroom's Voice.

Glory to thee, in Light array'd,
Who Light thy dwelling Place haſt made:
An immenſe Ocean of bright Beams,
From thy all glorious Godhead ſtreams.

The Sun in its Meridian Height,
Is very Darkneſs in thy Sight:
My Soul, O lighten and inflame,
With Thought and Love of thy great Name.

Bleſt Jeſu! Thou on Heaven intent,
Whole Nights haſt in Devotion ſpent:
But I, frail Creature, ſoon am tir'd,
And all my Zeal is ſoon expir'd.

Shine on me, Lord, new Life impart,
Freſh Ardors kindle in my Heart:
One Ray of thy all quickning Light,
Diſpels the Sloth and Clouds of Night.

Lord, leſt the Tempter me ſurprize,
Watch over thine own Sacrifice:
All looſe, all idle Thoughts caſt out;
And make my very Dreams devout.

Praiſe God, from whom all Bleſſings flow;
Praiſe him, all Creatures here below;
Praiſe him above, ye Angelick Hoſt.
Praiſe Father, Son, and Holy Ghoſt.

A GRACE before Meat.

LORD bleſs us, and theſe thy good Creatures, to the Nouriſhment of our Bodies; that whether we eat or drink, or whatever we do, it may be to thy Praiſe and Glory; through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. Amen.

A GRACE after Meat.

WE praiſe thy Name, O Lord, for theſe and all thy other Bleſſings beſtowed upon us; in Jeſus Chriſt. Amen.

AN OFFICE OF HUMILIATION,

To be used on our

Days of Retirement, for the more solemn Exercise of Repentance.

THE Design of this Office is to furnish the good Christian, who has set aside the Whole, or any Part of a Day, to humble himself before God for his Sins, with such Prayers as may be proper upon such Occasions.

As to his Use of more or fewer of these Prayers, he will use his own Discretion, as Time and Opportunity may serve.

AFTER you have performed your Morning Devotions, humbly proſtrate yourſelf and ſay,

O God the Father of Mercies, the Father of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, have Mercy upon thy Servant, and hear the Prayers of me a miſerable Sinner.

O bleſſed Jeſu, the Fountain of Peace and Pardon, our Wiſdom and our Righteouſneſs, our Sanctification and Redemption, have Mercy upon thy Servant; refuſe not to hear the Prayers of me a miſerable, ſorrowful, and returning Sinner.

O holy and divineſt Spirit of the Father, help my Infirmities, for of myſelf I know not what to aſk, nor how to pray; but do thou aſſiſt and be preſent in the Deſires of me, a miſerable Sinner.

A Prayer for the ſerious Examination of our Lives.

Mr. NELSON.

ALmighty God, the great Searcher of Hearts, who knoweſt all our ſecret Thoughts, nothing being hid from thy all-ſeeing Eye; diſpoſe me frequently to examine the State of my own Mind, to compare my Actions with the Rule of thy Laws, that nothing contrary to thy holy Will, may ever find a ſettled Abode in my Soul; but let

let me ſo conſider my Ways, as to turn my Feet unto thy Teſtimonies; Grant that I may ſo impartially judge and condemn myſelf, that I may not be condemned at the dreadful Tribunal. Let not Self-Love impoſe upon me, in a Matter of ſuch vaſt Conſequence; let not Sloth and Negligence deter me from keeping my Accounts clear. Let no darling Paſſion be ſo far indulged, as to eſcape the Scrutiny of ſerious Examination. And when, O Lord, I have diſcovered my own Vileneſs, grant that by the Aſſiſtance of thy Grace, I may humble myſelf under the Sight and Senſe of it; that I may from my Heart condemn all thoſe Follies whereby I have provoked thy Wrath and Indignation againſt me; that I may earneſtly ſolicite thy Pardon and Forgiveneſs, thro' the Merits of Chriſt, the Son of thy Love; that I may be careful to ſtand upon my Guard for the future, and by Prayer and Watchfulneſs ingage thy powerful Protection, which is ſo neceſſary to ſupport me in the Hour of Temptation, and the Day of Trial; grant this, O Lord, for the Sake of Jeſus Chriſt, my only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

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ARiſing from Prayer, you muſt preſently ſet yourſelf to recollect your Life paſt, by theſe following Heads of Self-Examination.

Heads of Self-Examination.

[*True Church of England Man's Companion.*

I Adjure thee, O my Soul, in the Preſence of the great Judge, who knows all the Secrets of thine Heart, I adjure thee, as thou wilt anſwer it before God's Judgment-Seat at the laſt Day, to tell me,

Does not thy daily Experience teach thee, that thy whole Nature is corrupt, prone to all that is evil, averſe to all that is good?

How haſt thou ſpent thy Time from thy Childhood to this very Moment?

How haſt thou kept the ſolemn Vow of thy Baptiſm?

What good Duties haſt thou omitted?

What Sins haſt thou committed?

In particular, what Sins art thou guilty of more immediately againſt God?

Art thou guilty of any Infidelity or Atheiſm, any Diſtruſt in, Preſumption on, or Deſpair of God's Mercy?

Art thou guilty of any wilful Ignorance of God, or of any Idolatry in worſhipping any Creature?

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Haſt thou loved any thing more than God, or fear'd any one above him?

Haſt thou been guilty of Hypocriſy in God's Service, or of forſaking God and of reſorting to the Devil, to Witches or Wizards?

Art thou guilty of repining or murmuring at God's Providence, or of being impatient under his Correction?

Haſt thou been unthankful for his Mercies, diſobedient to his Commands, incorrigible under his Judgments?

When, in what Manner haſt thou been guilty of diſhonouring God by blaſphemous and irreligious Thoughts or Diſcourſes, or by tamely hearing others blaſpheme?

Haſt thou taken God's holy Name in vain, by cuſtomary or falſe Swearing, or by the Breach of any lawful Oath, or ſolemn Vow?

Haſt thou been guilty of Sacrilege, or irreverent Behaviour in God's Houſe?

Haſt thou miſpent the Lord's Day, neglecting to attend the publick Worſhip of God; or been unprofitable under the Means of Grace?

Haſt thou diſhonoured God by Coldneſs and Wandrings in Devotion, and Careleſsneſs in thy Prayers, or by any Wearineſs in his Service, or by a total Neglect thereof?

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Haſt thou received the Sacrament unworthily, and broke the ſolemn Vows there renewed?

Haſt thou hardened thyſelf in Impenitence, putting off the evil Day? Haſt thou reſted in a ſuperficial and partial Repentance, or frequently relapſed into Sin, and reſiſted the good Motions of God's Spirit?

Haſt thou been an Abetter and Encourager of any Schiſm, Hereſy, or Profaneneſs?

O my Soul, what Sins art thou guilty of, more immediately againſt thy Neighbour?

How, when, where, againſt whom haſt thou been guilty of any Injury, Injuſtice, or Oppreſſion; any Breach of Truſt or Promiſe, any Fraud or Theft; any Flattery, Diſſimulation, Treachery, or Lying; or of giving any juſt Scandal?

How, when, where, againſt whom haſt thou been guilty of any ill Language, Detraction, or Slander; any raſh Cenſuring or Back-biting, any Contemning or Scoffing, either at his Infirmities or Virtues?

How, when, where, againſt whom haſt thou been guilty of any Contentiouſneſs, Spight, or Revenge; of railing at, or hurting, or murthering thy Neighbour, by ill Wiſhes and Curſes?

Haſt thou been guilty of bearing falſe Witneſs, or coveting the Poſſeſſions of others?

Haſt

Haſt thou been unthankful to thoſe who have done thee Good, or have kindly reproved thy Sins?

Haſt thou been uncharitable to the Poor, or neglected to relieve any Chriſtian in Diſtreſs?

Haſt thou been unnatural to any of thy Relations; haſt thou reviled, and been ſtubborn and diſobedient, to thy Governors Eccleſiaſtical and Civil?

Haſt thou been wilfully diſobedient to their lawful Commands, or roſe up violently againſt them, when they have call'd thee to ſuffer for thy Duty?

Haſt thou tempted others to Sin, by Connivance or Encouragement, by Command or Perſuaſion, and encreaſed thy own, by fathering the Damnation of thy Brother?

O my Soul, what Sins art thou guilty of more immediately againſt thyſelf?

Art thou guilty of Pride, either in Apparel, or on Account of thy Eſtate or Credit, thy Parts or good Deeds? Art thou guilty of commending thyſelf, or of being greedy of the Praiſe of Men; of performing religious Duties to gain Applauſe; or of committing Sin to avoid Reproach?

Haſt thou been immoderately greedy of Riches, or of ſenſual Pleaſures?

Haſt thou been guilty of violent Anger, of Inconſideration, Inconſtancy and Diſcontent? Haſt

Haſt thou miſpent thy Time, neglected to reſiſt Temptations, or abuſed the Talents God hath intruſted thee with, to Sin and Wickedneſs?

Haſt thou been guilty of Intemperance in eating, drinking, or ſleeping, or in lawful Recreations?

Haſt thou been guilty of Idleneſs, Uncleanneſs, Luſt, Fornication, or Adultery?

Haſt thou taken Delight in lewd Company, in vicious and immodeſt Songs, Books, Pictures, &c.?

Haſt thou not only committed all theſe Sins thyſelf, but taken Pleaſure in them that do them?

When you examine yourſelf by this Catalogue, pauſe a while on every Particular, and where you find yourſelf not guilty ſay, Glory be to thee, O Lord, for preſerving me from this Sin.

Where your Conſcience pleads guilty, ſay, Lord have Mercy upon me, and forgive me this Sin.

Prayers

Prayers after Examination.

[New Manual, &c.

O Lord God, I have now by thy Aſſiſtance conſider'd my own evil Ways; O thou who only knoweſt the Heart, and who only canſt change it, take from me this heardened and corrupt Heart, and give me a new Heart, new Affections, and new Deſires, that I may become entirely a new Creature, dedicated to thy Service, and devoted to thy Fear and Love.

Give me, O Lord, ſuch an unfeigned Repentance, of all my paſt Sins, ſuch a Hatred and Abhorrence of my former evil Ways, that I may from this Moment take a final Leave of all my beloved Luſts, and ſinful Pleaſures. Create in me ſuch a humble and contrite Spirit, as thou haſt promiſed not to deſpiſe, and ſo deep a Senſe of my Sin and Miſery, that my Repentance may bear ſome Proportion to my Guilt.

Give me that Faith that overcometh the World, and which will enable me to conquer my moſt inveterate Habits; and that Love, which will make me afraid to offend thee, and which will inſpire me with Reſolutions active and vigorous, honeſt and ſincere; ſuch as, by the Aſſiſtance of thy Grace and Holy Spirit, may carry me thro' all Difficulties, and be Proof againſt, and

triumph

triumph over all the Temptations of the World, the Flesh, and the Devil.

O my God, pardon all my Failings, and perfect that good Work thou hast begun in me; convince me, O Lord, that Sin is the greatest of all Evils; that Guilt and Misery are always inseparable; and that there is no true Happiness in this Life, but what results from the Testimony of a good Conscience, and the Hopes of thy Favour; and grant that these momentous Truths may be so deeply impress on my Mind, that I may make it the great Study and Care of my whole Life, to serve and please thee in all Things, and to be of the Number of those whom thou lovest and delightest in. Let the Consideration of thy Patience and Forbearance, excite in my Heart such a sincere Love to thee, and such a Fear of offending thee, that neither Riches, Honour, nor the Pleasures of Life, nor the Fears of Want, Disgrace, Pain, or Death, nor any Thing else that this World can offer, may be ever able to shake my Integrity, or draw me from my Duty; but make me stedfast, immoveable, always abounding in the Work of the Lord. Grant this for the Merits of Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

[Bp. KENN, *&c.*

O Father of Mercies, accept my imperfect Repentance, compaſſionate my Infirmities, forgive my Sins and Wickedneſs; purify my Soul from all evil Thoughts and corrupt Inclinations, from all bad Intentions and Deſigns. Rectify and ſubdue all my irregular Paſſions and Appetites, and every vicious Practice, of what Nature or Kind ſoever: Strengthen my Weakneſs, fix my Unſtableneſs, and let thy Love ever rule in my Heart, that I may always love thee, and never grieve thee more; but enable me to keep both Body and Soul pure and undefiled; that ſo I may glorify thee here, both in Body and Spirit, and be glorify'd in both with thee hereafter.

O my God, create in me a ſincere Obedience to all thy Laws, a ſubmiſſive Patience under all thy Chaſtiſements, and an abſolute Reſignation to all thy Diſpoſals.

That it may be henceforth the greateſt Torment I can endure, ever to offend thee, and my greateſt Delight to pleaſe thee; by living in the Practice of all thoſe Duties thou requireſt of me.

Turn, O Lord, the whole Stream of my Affections, from ſenſual Love, to the Love of thee. Let thy heavenly Love be the conſtant Byaſs of my Soul; that I may make it the great Buſineſs of my whole

Life, to love and to glorify thee, all the possible ways I can, by my Mouth, by my Conversation, by my publick Confession of thee, before Men, even to Death, whenever thou art pleased to call me to it; by engaging all I can to glorify and love thee, through the Merits and Sufferings, and Love of thy Son, in whom thou art pleased. *Amen. Our Father*, &c.

THE Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the Love of God, and the Communication of the Holy Spirit, be with me, defend and guide me, sanctify and save me, and be my Portion for ever and ever. *Amen.*

PRAYERS
AND A
LITANY,

Proper to be uſed on *Wedneſdays* and *Fridays*.

A General Confeſſion.

[Dr. LAKE, &c.

O GOD, to whom Vengeance belongeth, ſhew thyſelf, but let it be in Pity and Compaſſion to thy wretched and unworthy Servant, who in all Humility, confeſs myſelf a wicked and ſinful Creature. I acknowledge thoſe Sins, which if I would, I cannot hide from thee, my Sins of Pride and Vain-Glory, of Hatred and Envy, of Covetouſneſs and Ambition, Luſt and Intemperance, of Paſſion and Anger. I accuſe myſelf of my wicked Deſires and Thoughts, which I have conceived; of my

wanton and evil Words which I have ſpoken; of my naughty and ungodly Deeds which I have committed. [*Here confeſs thoſe Sins you are moſt addicted to*] I acknowledge and bewail theſe my manifold Sins and Wickedneſſes, which I from Time to Time moſt grievouſly have committed, by Thought, Word, and Deed, againſt thy divine Majeſty; provoking moſt juſtly thy Wrath and Indignation againſt me. I do earneſtly repent, and am heartily for theſe my Miſdoings; the Remembrance of them is grievous unto me, the Burden of them is intolerable. Have Mercy upon me, have Mercy upon me, moſt merciful Father; for thy Son Jeſus Chriſt's Sake, forgive me all that is paſt; and grant that I may ever hereafter, ſerve and pleaſe thee in Newneſs of Life, to the Honour and Glory of thy Name, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

For Pardon.

[New Manual, &c.

FOrgive me, O merciful Father, for I am heartily ſorry for all the Evils which I have done: forgive and deliver me from all my Sins, and confirm and nouriſh me with all Goodneſs, for I am reſolved to forſake and deteſt them, and by thy Grace, to love and ſerve thee. Forgive me, O moſt

moſt gracious God, for I forgive all that have offended me, and do entreat thee to forgive them likewiſe. O do not exact Puniſhment of me for my Sins; but extend thy Mercy and Pardon to my Repentance and Humiliation; and enable me to devote every Member of my Body, and every Faculty of my Soul, and every Day of my Life, to thy Glory and Service, till thou bringeſt me to the Enjoyment of thy bleſſed Self in Eternity. Grant this, O moſt merciful God, for my dear Redeemer's Sake, Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

The LITANY.

O GOD, the Father of Heaven, have Mercy upon me a moſt miſerable Sinner.

O God, the Son, Redeemer of the World, have Mercy upon me a moſt miſerable Sinner.

O God the Holy Ghoſt, proceeding from the Father and the Son, have Mercy upon me a moſt miſerable Sinner.

O holy bleſſed and glorious Trinity, three Perſons, and one God, have Mercy upon me a moſt miſerable Sinner.

Remember not, Lord, my Offences, nor the Offences of my Fore-fathers, neither take thou Vengeance of my Sins; ſpare me, good Lord, ſpare thy Servant, whom thou

 haſt

haſt redeemed with thy moſt precious Blood, and be not angry with me for ever.

Spare me, good Lord!

From all Evil and Miſchief, from Sin, from the Crafts and Aſſaults of the Devil, from thy Wrath, and from everlaſting Damnation,

Good Lord, deliver me!

From all Blindneſs of Heart, from Pride, Vain-Glory and Hypocriſy; from Envy, Hatred, and Malice, and from all Uncharitableneſs,

Good Lord, deliver me!

From Fornication, and all other deadly Sin; and from all the Deceits of the World, the Fleſh, and the Devil,

Good Lord, deliver me!

From, *&c.* [*Here repeat thoſe Sins which you find yourſelf guilty of.*]

Good Lord, deliver me!

From Hardneſs of Heart, from Contempt of thy Word and Commandments; from any evil Thought, which may aſſault and hurt my Soul,

Good Lord, deliver me!

From all Adverſities which may happen to the Body, from noiſome and infectious Diſeaſes, and from ſudden Death,

Good Lord, deliver me!

By thine Agony and bloody Sweat, by thy Croſs and Paſſion, by thy precious Death and

and Burial, and by thy victorious Deſcenſion into Hell.

Good Lord, deliver me!

By thy glorious Reſurrection and Aſcenſion, and by the wonderful Coming of the Holy Ghoſt,

Good Lord, deliver me!

In all Time of my Tribulation, in all Time of my Wealth, in the Hour of Death, and in the Day of Judgment,

Good Lord, deliver me!

I, who am a moſt miſerable Sinner, do beſeech thee to hear me, O Lord God; to keep and ſtrengthen me in the true worſhipping of thee, and to give me Grace to ſerve thee in Righteouſneſs and Holineſs all the Days of my Life.

I beſeech thee to hear me, good Lord!

That it may pleaſe thee to rule my Heart in thy Faith, Fear, and Love; and that I may evermore have Affiance in thee, and ever ſeek thy Honour and Glory.

I beſeech thee to hear me, good Lord!

That it may pleaſe thee to be my Defender and Keeper, giving me the Victory over the World, the Fleſh, and the Devil.

I beſeech thee to hear me, good Lord!

That it may pleaſe thee to endue my Soul with Grace, Wiſdom, and Underſtanding.

I beſeech thee to hear me, good Lord!

That it may pleaſe thee to give me an Heart to love and dread thee, and diligently to live after thy Commandments.

I beſeech thee to hear me, good Lord!

That it may pleaſe thee to give me Increaſe of Grace, to hear meekly thy Word, to receive it with pure Affection, and to bring forth the Fruits of the Spirit.

I beſeech thee to hear me, good Lord!

That it may pleaſe thee to ſtrengthen me when I ſtand; to comfort and help me when I am weak-hearted; to raiſe me up when I fall; and finally, to beat down Satan under my Feet.

I beſeech thee to hear me, good Lord!

That it may pleaſe thee to ſuccour, help, and comfort me, when I am in Danger, Neceſſity, and Tribulation.

I beſeech thee to hear me, good Lord!

That it may pleaſe thee to give me, as at all Times, ſo now eſpecially, due Preparation of Mind, that I may worthily participate of this holy Sacrament.

I beſeech thee to hear me, good Lord!

To this End, may it pleaſe thee to forgive mine Enemies, Perſecutors, and Slanderers, and to turn their Hearts.

I beſeech thee to hear me, good Lord!

That it may pleaſe thee to give me true Repentance, to forgive me all my Sins, Negligencies, and Ignorances; to endue me

with a lively and ſtedfaſt Faith, and a ſincere Reſolution to amend my Life, according to thy holy Word.

I beſeech thee to hear me, good Lord!

O Son of God, I beſeech thee to hear me.

O Lamb of God, that takeſt away the Sins of the World,

Grant me thy Peace.

O Lamb of God, that takeſt away the Sins of the World,

Have Mercy upon me.

O Chriſt, hear me.

Lord, have Mercy upon me!

Chriſt, have Mercy upon me!

Lord, have Mercy upon me!

Our Father, &c.

O Lord, deal not with me after my Sins. Neither reward me after mine Iniquities.

O Lord, I beſeech thee mercifully to hear me, and ſpare me, and all thoſe who do confeſs their Sins unto thee, that they whoſe Conſciences by Sin are accuſed, by thy merciful Pardon may be abſolved, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

For Pardon upon our Confeſſion.

O Moſt mighty God, and merciful Father, who haſt Compaſſion upon all Men, and hateſt nothing that thou haſt made, who wouldeſt not the Death of a

Sinner, but rather that he ſhould turn from his Sin, and be ſaved; mercifully forgive me my Treſpaſſes, receive and comfort me, who am grieved, and wearied with the Burden of my Sins: Thy Property is always to have mercy, and to thee only it appertaineth to forgive Sins, ſpare me therefore, Good Lord, ſpare me; ſpare thy Servant, whom thou haſt redeemed; enter not into judgment with thy Servant, who am vile earth and a miſerable Sinner; but ſo turn thine Anger from me, who meekly acknowledge my Vileneſs, and truly repent me of my Faults, and ſo make haſte to help me in this World; to purge and purify my Soul from all Sin and Uncleanneſs, and to perfect whatever is wanting in me; that I may in all Things obey thy Laws, and conform to thy Example, and ever live with thee in the World to come, through Jeſus our Lord. *Amen.*

For the divine Favour upon our Faſting.

TURN thou me, O Good Lord, and ſo ſhall I be turned; be favourable to thy Servant, who turns to thee in Weeping, Faſting, and Praying! For thou art a merciful God, full of Compaſſion, Long-ſuffering, and of great Pity: Thou ſpareſt when we deſerve Puniſhment, and in thy Wrath thinkeſt upon Mercy:

Mercy: Spare thy Servant, Good Lord, ſpare me, and let me not be brought to Confuſion. Hear me, O Lord, for thy Mercy is great, and after the Multitude of thy Mercies, look upon me, through the Merits and Mediation of thy bleſſed Son Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Ghoſt, bleſs, preſerve, and keep me, the Lord mercifully with his Favour look upon me; and ſo fill me with all Spiritual Benediction and Grace, that I may ſo live in this Life, that in the World to come I may have Life everlaſting. *Amen.*

Prayers and Reſolutions proper to be uſed by a true Penitent.

Bp. Kenn, Mr. Hele.

O Almighty Father; let my Prayers enter into thy Preſence, incline thine Ear unto my Calling; and help my Soul to fly up to Thee when I pray, in heavenly Thoughts, and Affections, Deſires and Love. O let me favour nothing of the Earth whenever I pray to Thee in Heaven; but keep my Soul always in an habitual Diſpoſition to devotion, and with ſuch a lively Senſe of thy Divine Preſence

For God's Aſſiſtance in our Devotions.

and infinite Amiableneſs, as may diſpoſe me to be frequently lifting up my Heart unto thee, in pious Ejaculations and devout Breathings, ſome way anſwerable to thy awful Majeſty, and my preſſing Wants; that I may worſhip thee both in publick and private, in Spirit and Truth, and in a manner worthy of thee: That as thy infinite Love is ever ſtreaming Bleſſings on me, ſo let my Soul be ever breathing Love and Devotion to thee. *Amen.*

[Bp Cosins.

Profeſſion of Sorrow for Sin.

ALmighty and moſt merciful Father, who for my many and grievous Sins committed againſt thee, mighteſt moſt juſtly have cut me off in the midſt of my Days; but in the Multitude of thy Mercies haſt hitherto ſpared me: Accept, I moſt humbly beſeech thee, my unfeigned Sorrow for all my former Tranſgreſſions, and grant that I may never ſo preſume of thy Mercy, as to deſpiſe the Riches of thy Goodneſs, but that thy Forbearance and Long-ſuffering may lead me to Repentance and Amendment of my ſinful Life, to thy Honour and Glory, and my final Acquittance and Abſolution at the laſt Day, thro' Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

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[Mr. Hele.

O My God, have Pity on me, and for thy infinite Mercy's ſake, Pardon, I beſeech thee, all my Sins and Infirmities; and create me again after thy Likeneſs, in Righteouſneſs and true Holineſs; that I may walk henceforward in Newneſs of Life; and with perfect Health and Vigour of Soul conform to thy Holy Will in all Things, and ſerve and glorify thee for ever. *Amen.*

For Pardon and Newneſs of Life.

[Mr. Nelson.

LORD grant, that at all Times I may account my Sins to be my Shame, and make thy Laws to be my Rule; and thy bleſſed Will to be in every thing my Choice and Satisfaction. Let thy Promiſes be my Hope, thy Providence my Guard, thy Grace my Strength, and thy bleſſed ſelf my Portion, both now and in the end, thro' Jeſus Chriſt my Saviour and Redeemer. *Amen.*

For univerſal Obedience.

[Mr. Hele, &c.

I Come now before thee, O Lord, to make a new Dedication of myſelf to thy Service, and to implore the Aſſiſtance of thy Almighty Grace, to enable me to perform my Religious Vows and Engagements. To thee, O glorious Trinity, Fa-

A ſolemn Dedication of ourſelves to God.

ther, Son and Holy Ghoſt! I eternally devote my Soul and Body, and all the Powers and Faculties of both. I utterly abjure and deteſt every ſinful Practice; and I promiſe, by thy gracious Aſſiſtance, to become a new Creature, and evermore to pay a ſincere Obedience to all thy Laws. This, O Lord, in the Sincerity of my Soul, I do here vow unto thy divine Majeſty.

For Deliverance from the Power of Sin.

AND I moſt humbly beſeech thee, O Lord, to inſpire me more and more with Patience, Courage, and Conſtancy of Mind, that I may ſtand faſt, and perſevere in theſe my holy and devout Reſolutions, to the laſt Moment of my Days, in deſpite of all Temptations I ſhall ever meet with to the contrary. And that I may be reſcued from the Power of my corrupt Affections, enable me to avoid all thoſe Occaſions that have formerly betray'd me into Sin; all thoſe Practices that heighten my corrupt Inclinations and Paſſions, and alienate my Mind from the Love of God: That ſo all carnal, vicious, and corrupt Habits and Affections may die in me, and that all things belonging to the Spirit may live and grow in me.

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TO this End, turn my irregular Paſſions into an earneſt Purſuit after thy Love, my vicious

vicious Appetites into pure and inflamed Deſires, and my wilful Obſtinacy into an humble and ſubmiſſive Temper; that my Soul being cleanſed from all its Corruptions, it may be endued with all Heavenly and Chriſtian Virtues, and ſo confirmed and ſtrengthned in all Goodneſs, that it may be entirely reformed and reduced to the Obedience of thy Laws, and become a holy Temple conſecrated unto thee, and wholly devoted to thy Glory and Service.

For Perſeverance in Holineſs and Pureneſs of Living.

That by being ſtedfaſt, unmoveable, always abounding in the Work of the Lord, I may by patient continuing in well doing, be preſented pure, and unblameable, and unreprovable, in Holineſs before God; and at laſt obtain Glory, and Honour, and Immortality, and eternal Life, thro' Jeſus Chriſt our Lord, whom I adore, whom I love, and deſire I may ſtill more and more love, and love for ever. *Amen, Amen.*

Our Father, *&c.*

Lord hear me, help me, pardon all my Failings, ſupply all my Wants, and the Wants of all for whom I am bound to pray, thro' the Merits and Sufferings of Jeſus Chriſt thy Son our Lord. *Amen.*

The Lord bleſs me, and keep me, the Lord lift up the Light of his Countenance upon me, and give me Peace now and for evermore. *Amen.*

Having thus ended these Devotions, review your Catalogue of Sins: Fix upon that you find yourself chiefly addicted to, and pray for the contrary Virtue. You will find Prayers to this Purpose after the Office for Sundays and Holidays.

Short Prayers, proper to be used for the enforcing our holy Resolutions, and for the Assistance of God's Grace, to enable us to perform them.

[Bp Cosins, Bp Taylor, &c.

O Lord Jesu! I give thee my Body, my Soul, my Substance, my Friends, my Liberty, and my Life; dispose of me, and of all that is mine, as it seemeth best to thee, and to the Glory of thy Holy Name. *Amen.*

I am not now mine, but thine; therefore claim me as thy Right; keep me as thy Charge, and love me as thy Child: Fight for me when I am assaulted, heal me when I am wounded, and revive me when I am fainting, for Christ Jesus's Sake. *Amen.*

Grant me, O gracious Lord, a pure Intention of Heart, and a stedfast Resolution to despise all Vanity; to fight the Battles of the Lord manfully against the World, the Flesh, and the Devil; to spend my Time religiously, soberly, and usefully; to walk always as in thy Presence, to preserve my Body

Body and Soul in Holineſs, fit for the Habitation of the Spirit of God. *Amen.*

O Lord, increaſe in me Faith and Devotion; repleniſh my Soul with all Goodneſs, and of thy great Mercy keep me in the ſame: Give me true Humility in Proſperity, Patience in Adverſity, and continual Joy in the Holy Ghoſt. *Amen.*

O Lord, make me humble to my Superiors, and friendly to my Equals; thankful to my Benefactors; loving to my Relations, and charitable to my Enemies; make me ready to pleaſure all, and loth to offend any; to be gentle and eaſily intreated, ſlow to Anger, readily admoniſhed; fully prepared, and thoroughly furniſhed for every good Word and Work. *Amen.*

O Lord, give me a peaceable Spirit, and a quiet Life, free from Debt and deadly Sin: Give me Grace to reſiſt the firſt Motions of Sin in my Mind, to abſtain from all Appearance of Evil, and to do nothing but what is of good Report; to confeſs Chriſt and his holy Religion, by an holy and obedient Life, and a Mind ready to die for him when he ſhall call for me; and then, O Lord, aſſiſt me, and receive me into Life eternal. *Amen.*

Let me be joyful for nothing but that which pleaſeth thee. Nor ſorrowful for any thing but that which doth diſpleaſe thee.

Let

Let all the Ordinances and Duties of Religion be pleaſant and delightful to me, and the doing thy Will my greateſt Joy and Satisfaction. *Amen.*

O Lord, give me ſpiritual Wiſdom, that I may diſcern what is pleaſing to thee, and follow what belongs unto my Peace; and let the Knowledge and Peace of God, and of Jeſus Chriſt our Lord, be my Guide, and my Portion, all the Days of my Life. *Amen.*

Almighty and everlaſting God, vouchſafe, I beſeech thee, to direct, ſanctify and govern both my Soul and Body, in the ways of thy Laws, and in the Works of thy Commandments, that thro' thy moſt mighty Protection I may be preſerved in ſuch Health of Body, and Soundneſs of Mind, that both in Soul and Body I may evermore ſerve thee with all my Strength and Might, thro' our Lord and Saviour Jeſus Chriſt. *Amen.*

Give me a Love for Religion, an unwearied Spirit in the Things of God, and a ſtedfaſt Regard to thy Glory in all my Affections. Let my Soul be filled with thee, my Spirit raviſhed with thy Love, my Underſtanding employed in the Meditation of thy Law, and all the Powers and Faculties of my Soul wholly devoted to thy Service, and taking the greateſt Delight in Religious Exerciſes.

Fix

Fix my Thoughts, my Hopes, and my Desires upon Heaven and Heavenly Things. Strengthen my Faith, confirm my Hope, and give me a daily Encrease of Charity, that this Day and ever I may serve thee according to all my Opportunities and Capacities, growing from Grace to Grace, till at last by thy Mercy, I shall receive the Consummation and Perfection of Grace, even the Glories of thy Kingdom, in the full Fruition of the Face and Excellencies of God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, to whom be Glory and Praise, Honour and Adoration, given by all Angels, and all Men, and all Creatures, now and to all Eternity. *Amen.*

Our Father, *&c.*

For Acceptance of our Prayers.

LORD hear me, help me, pardon all my Failings, supply all my Wants, and always hear my Prayers, and the Prayers of thy Church; that whatever I faithfully ask, for myself or others, may thro' thy Grace be effectually obtained, to the Relief of our Necessities, and the setting forth of thy Glory, for the Sake of Jesus Christ, thy Son our Lord. *Amen.*

God the Father bless me! God the Son defend me! God the Holy Ghost preserve me! God the holy Trinity be with me, now and for evermore. *Amen.*

Petitions

Petitions for the Virtues and Graces of the Chriſtian Life.

[Mr. Hele.

MOST bleſſed God, the Fountain of all Goodneſs, who didſt create Man a firſt in thy own Image; and when that was defac'd by Sin, waſt graciouſly pleaſed to create us again in Chriſt Jeſus after thy own Likeneſs in Righteouſneſs and true Holineſs; I humbly beſeech thee, of thy infinite Mercy and Goodneſs, to endue me, the unworthieſt of Men, with that Godlike Temper of Mind, and thoſe Heavenly Virtues, which conſtitute the New Creature, and which may diſpoſe me for the Attainment of that glorious End, for which I was created and redeemed.

Send down, O Heavenly Father, thy holy Spirit upon thy Servant, to ſanctify my Nature, to renew me in the Spirit of my Mind, and to enable me ſo diligently to tread in the bleſſed Steps of my divine Maſter and Saviour, that the Life of Jeſus may be ſeen in all my Actions, and his Image formed in my Soul; and that devoting myſelf wholly to thy holy Will and Pleaſure, I may make it my ſerious and conſtant Endeavour to employ every Faculty of my Soul, and every Member of my Body, and every Day of my Life, in thy Service and to thy Glory.

Poſſeſs

Poſſeſs my Soul, I beſeech thee, with ſuch ſtrong and lively Apprehenſions of the adorable Perfections of thy Majeſty, and of the abſolute Neceſſity of my being (in ſome meaſure) a Partaker of the divine Nature here, in order to qualify me for the Fruition of thy glorious Godhead hereafter, as may effectually engage me to be holy, as thou art holy; pure, as thou art pure; and conformable to thee in all thy imitable Excellencies.

Give me Grace, O Lord, to love thee with all my Heart, and to ſerve thee with all my Strength, and to make thee my only Fear and Hope, my Truſt and Confidence, my Joy and Deſire. Diſpoſe me to hear, and read, and meditate on thy Word with Attention and Pleaſure; to pray without ceaſing, to give Thanks to thee in every thing, to be conſtant and conſcientious in the Performance of all Religious Duties, and to perform them always with ſuch Reverence and Devotion, as may be acceptable in thy Sight, thro' the Mediation of Jeſus Chriſt my Saviour.

O Holy Father, enable me, I beſeech thee, to cleanſe my Heart from all evil Imaginations, to ſubdue every inordinate Luſt and Paſſion, to fix my Mind upon thoſe tranſcendent and durable Pleaſures which are at thy Right Hand; and to eſteem it my principal Concern, and moſt important Intereſt, to recommend myſelf to thy Favour,

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by being pure and chaſte in all my Thoughts; ſober, contented, and thankful in all my Enjoyments; humble in all my Opinions of myſelf; charitable in all my Sentiments and Speeches of others; meek and patient under Provocations and Injuries; ſincere and faithful in all my Profeſſions; juſt and upright in all my Dealings; diligent and chearful in Buſineſs; diſcreet, inoffenſive, and blameleſs in my Converſation; and uſeful in every Relation and Capacity of Life.

And I beſeech thee, O Lord, to pour into my Heart ſuch a Meaſure of that moſt excellent Gift of Charity, as may diſpoſe me to love all Men for thy Sake, as I love my ſelf to forgive, and pray for my Enemies, Perſecutors and Slanderers; and to be conſtantly willing and ready to do all the good Offices in my Power to any of my Fellow-Creatures.

Finally, O Lord, I moſt humbly beg, that whatſoever things are true, honeſt, juſt, pure, lovely, and of good Report, I may think on theſe things, and they may abound in me every Day more and more; that I may be always growing wiſer and better; always ſtudying to do more and more good; always labouring to be ſtronger in the Faith, richer in good Works, more frequent in thy Service, more zealous for thy Glory, more eminent in Meekneſs, Humility, Patience, Charity, and every thing that is good and acceptable

ceptable to thee; that ſo I may ſhine as a Light in the World, and excite many, by my Example, to glorify thee our heavenly Father; and when Jeſus Chriſt, the chief Shepherd ſhall appear, I may receive of him a Crown of Glory, that fadeth not away. *Amen.*

Our Father, *&c.*

God the Father, preſerve and keep me; God the Son, aſſiſt and ſtrengthen me; God the Holy Ghoſt defend and aid me; God the Holy Trinity, be ever with me; that my Death may be precious in the Sight of the Lord, with whom I hope to live for evermore. *Amen.*

Our Prayers muſt not end here; they are not complete without Interceſſion: And therefore betake yourſelf again to Prayer for all Men.

Prayers for the whole State of Mankind.

[Bp Taylor, Dr. Lake, Mr. Nelson, *&c.*

ACCEPT, O Lord, of my Prayers and Interceſſions, as a Teſtimony of my Charity for the whole Race of Mankind. Give to all Nations Unity, Peace, and Concord. Enlighten the dark Corners of the Earth with the bright Sunſhine of thy glorious Goſpel, and ſucceed the pious Deſigns of all thoſe that endeavour *For all Men.*

endeavour the Propagation of the Kingdom of thy Son; that thy Way may be known upon Earth, and thy ſaving Health among all Nations.

For the Converſion of Infidels, Hereticks, and Schiſmaticks.

HAVE Mercy, O God, upon all Jews, Turks, Infidels, Hereticks, and Schiſmaticks: Take from them all Blindneſs, Hardneſs of Heart and Contempt of thy Word and Commandments, and ſo fetch them home, bleſſed Lord, unto thy Fold, that they may be ſaved among the Remnant of the true *Iſraelites*, and be made one Flock, under one Shepherd, Jeſus Chriſt our Lord.

For the Catholick Church.

O Holy Jeſus, King of the Saints, and Prince of the Catholick Church, preſerve thy Spouſe whom thou haſt purchaſed with thy right Hand, and redeemed and cleanſed with thy Blood, the whole Catholick Church from one End of the Earth to the other. O preſerve her in Truth and Peace, in Unity and Safety, from Schiſm, Hereſy, and Sacrilege. Unite all her Members to thee by Purity and Holineſs, and to each other by Brotherly Love and Charity, and an external Communion, when it ſhall ſeem good in thine Eyes. Let the daily Sacrifice of Prayer and Sacramental Thanſgiving never ceaſe,

ceaſe, but be for ever preſented to thee, and for ever united to the Interceſſion of her deareſt Lord, and for ever prevail for the obtaining for every of its Members, Grace and Bleſſing, Pardon and Salvation. *Amen.*

For the Church of England.

O Father of Mercies, be merciful to this miſerable divided Church in which we live; according to all thy Righteouſneſs, let thine Anger be turned away from us; forgive us all our Sins, and unite us in the Bonds of the common Faith, and an holy Charity, and in one and the ſame Worſhip and Communion; that no Intereſts or Partialities, no Sects or Opinions, may keep us any longer in Diviſion: But grant that Religion and Virtue, Peace and Charity, may for ever flouriſh and increaſe among us, that we may with one Mind and one Mouth, glorify thee, the Father of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt. *Amen.*

For Chriſtian Kings, Princes, and Governors.

O King of Kings, and Prince of all the Rulers of the Earth, give thy Grace and Spirit to all Chriſtian Princes, the Spirit of Wiſdom and Counſel, the Spirit of Government and Godly Fear, grant unto them to live in Peace and Honour, that their People may love and fear them, and they may love and fear God.

Speak

Speak good unto their Hearts concerning the Church, that they may be nurſing Fathers to it, Fathers to the Fatherleſs, Judges and Avengers of the Cauſe of Widows, that they may be compaſſionate to the Wants of the Poor, and the Groans of the Oppreſſed; that they may not vex or kill the Lord's People with unjuſt or ambitious Wars, but may feed the Flock of God, and may inquire after, and do all things which may promote Peace, publick Honeſty, and holy Religion, ſo adminiſtring things preſent, that they may not fail of the everlaſting Glories of the World to come, where all thy faithful People ſhall reign Kings for ever. *Amen.*

For the Clergy. O Thou great Shepherd and Biſhop of our Souls, holy and eternal Jeſus, give unto thy Servants, the Miniſters of the Myſteries of Chriſtian Religion, the Spirit of Prudence and Sanctity, Faith and Charity, Reſolution and Zeal, Diligence and Watchfulneſs, that they may declare thy Will unto the People faithfully, and diſpenſe thy Sacraments rightly, and intercede with thee graciouſly and acceptably, for thy Servants. Grant, O Lord, that by a holy Life, and a true Belief, by well-doing, and patient ſuffering, (when thou ſhall call them to it) they may glorify thee the great Lover of Souls, and after a plentiful Converſion

verſion of Sinners from the Error of their Ways, they may ſhine like the Stars in Glory. *Amen.*

GIve unto thy Servants the Biſhops a diſcerning Spirit, that they may lay Hands ſuddenly on no Man, but may depute ſuch Perſons to the Miniſteries of Religion, who may adorn the Goſpel of God, and whoſe Lips may preſerve Knowledge, and ſuch who by their good Preaching, and holy Living, may advance the Service of the Lord Jeſus Chriſt. *Amen.* *For the Biſhops.*

BE merciful to all my Friends, Relations, and Acquaintance; thoſe that are in Sin, convert them; thoſe that are in Grace, confirm and ſtrengthen them; thoſe that are in Adverſity, comfort and ſupport them; and thoſe that are in Proſperity, ſuffer them not to forget thee. *For our Relations and Friends.*

BLeſs all whom I have injured, by Word or Deed, in Soul, Body, Goods, or Reputation. Of thy infinite Mercy, pardon theſe my Sins, and remove the evil Effects, and Influences of them, whereſoever they have reached. Reward all that have done me Good, and pardon all that have done or wiſhed me Evil: Forgive *For thoſe we have injured, and for our Enemies.*

give all my Enemies, make them eaſy and ready to be reconciled; and give them Repentance and better Minds. And teach me to bear all their Malice with Meekneſs and Patience, and to return all Offices of Charity for the Affronts and Indignities they offer to me; and work in them and me all that Good which may make us acceptable in thy Sight.

For all in Affliction. BE gracious to all that are in Affliction and Diſtreſs, that labour under the Straights of Poverty, that ſuffer Perſecution for the Teſtimony of a good Conſcience, that mourn under Captivity, or Baniſhment, or any unjuſt Oppreſſion; that are exerciſed with bodily Pains and Diſeaſes, that are ſolicited with ſtrong Temptations, or are dejected with Terrors and Troubles of Mind. Pity and relieve their ſeveral Neceſſities; give them Patience under all their Sufferings, and in thy due time deliver them according to thy great Mercy.

Aſſiſt thoſe that are at the Point of Death; and when their Strength fails, let not their Faith fail, but give them a holy and a bleſſed Death, and to us all a joyful Reſurrection, thro' Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

A Thankſgiving for the Deliverances of the Church.

[Mr. Nelson.

IT is very meet, right, and my bounden Duty, that I ſhould at all Times, and in all Places, give Thanks unto thee, O Lord, Almighty and Everlaſting God: Becauſe thou haſt in all Ages defended thy holy Spouſe the Church, from the fiery Aſſaults of all her Enemies; from the Fraud and Malice of Hereticks, Schiſmaticks, and deceitful Men; from the crafty Inſinuations of all them that work Vanity; from the Cruelty and Barbarity of thoſe who have openly ſought her Deſtruction; and from the Treachery and Perfidiouſneſs of thoſe who have pretended Kindneſs in order to ruin her with greater Advantage. Therefore with Angels and Arch-angels, and with all the Company of Heaven, I laud and magnify thy glorious Name, evermore praiſing thee, and ſaying, Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hoſts, Heaven and Earth are full of thy Glory; Glory be to thee, O Lord moſt high. *Amen.*

[Bp Kenn, &c.

A Thanksgiving for being made a Member of the Church of England.

BUT chiefly am I bound to praise and love thee, O Lord, my God, for making me a Member of the Church of *England*, whose Faith, and Government, and Worship, are holy, and catholick, and apostolick: And therefore I praise thee, I bless thee, I worship thee, I glorify thee, I give Thanks to thee, Day and Night will I sing thy Praises, and all my Life long obey and adore thee, and employ every Faculty of my Soul, and every Member of my Body, and every Day of my Life, in thy Service, and to thy Glory, for this particular Vouchsafement of thy Love to me; which I acknowledge to be the greatest Blessing of my Life, next to the sending our Saviour; and for which I desire continually to breathe out my Soul to thee in chearful Praises, and rapturous Hallelujahs.

O my God, give me Grace to continue stedfast in her Bosom, to improve all those Helps to true Piety, all those Incentives of thy Love, thou hast more fully indulged me in her Communion; that I may with primitive Affection and Fervour, praise and love, believe and trust, admire, and adore thee; O most blessed and glorious Trinity, God

God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghoſt, for being the joint Author of my Salvation.

O Lord, I humbly beſeech thee, receive theſe Prayers and Praiſes which I have at this Time offered up to thee in behalf of all Chriſtians throughout the World: Give unto them all a Portion of all the Prayers which are made in Heaven and in Earth, the Interceſſion of our Lord, and the Supplication of all thy Servants. And do for this Church and Nation abundantly more than I am able to aſk or think, for the Merits and Sufferings of Jeſus Chriſt, in whom thou art always infinitely pleaſed. *Amen.* O ſweeteſt, O pureſt, O deareſt Jeſus. *Amen, Amen.*

Here, if Time and Opportunity will permit, offer up your thankful Acknowledgment to God for all his Mercies both temporal and ſpiritual, which he has beſtowed upon you. You'll find a Thankſgiving to this Purpoſe at the End of the Prayers and Thankſgivings to be uſed at Noon, &c. *After which conclude with the following Prayer.*

A Prayer for God's Acceptance of the Devotions we have offered up to him on our Days of Humiliation and Retirement; and for Grace, that we may put in practiſe all our good Reſolutions, and finally attain everlaſting Life.

[Mr. Hele, &c.

BLeſſed be thy Holy Name, O Lord my God, for the great Mercy and Goodneſs to thy unworthy Servant this Day, in giving me both the Opportunity and the Will to retire from the World, in order to a more ſerious and ſolemn Attendance on thoſe religious Duties, that concern my everlaſting Salvation.

Accept, I humbly beſeech thee, my Humiliation and Repentance for all the Sins of my paſt Life, my Reſolutions of better Obedience for the future, and the Prayers, and Supplications, and Thankſgivings, which I have offer'd up to thy divine Majeſty.

Of thy infinite Mercy, pardon all my Sins, and give me Grace to hate and abhor them. And whatſoever good Work thou haſt begun in me, be pleaſed to accompliſh and perfect it until the Day of Chriſt. Lord thou knoweſt my Weakneſs, and the Number and Strength of thoſe Temptations I am to ſtruggle with: O leave me not to myſelf, but

but cover thou my Head in the Day of Battle, and in all ſpiritual Conflicts make me more than Conqueror, thro' him that loved me. O let not the Terrors or Flatteries of the World, nor the Deceitfulneſs of my own corrupt Heart, ever betray me to the Breach of thoſe Promiſes that I have made to thee this Day: But enable me, O my God, cheerfully to ſacrifice every darling Luſt and Paſſion, to conſecrate every Affection of my Soul, and to devote every Member of my Body, and every Minute of my Time, and every Action of my Life, nay Life itſelf, to thy Glory and Service, whenever thou requireſt it of me. That by being ſtedfaſt, unmoveable, and always abounding in the Work of the Lord, I may in the End obtain that eternal Life, which thou haſt promiſed to thoſe who by patient Continuance in well-doing, ſeek for Glory, and Honour, and Immortality.

Grant this, O merciful Father, for the Sake of my bleſſed Saviour and Redeemer, Jeſus Chriſt, who died for our Sins, and roſe again for our Juſtification, and now ſitteth at thy Right Hand, to make Interceſſion for all penitent Sinners. *Amen.*

I commend to you all the aforeſaid Devotions to be uſed on the Friday *in every Month which precedes a Communion, (eſpecially the* Fridays *before the three ſolemn Times which*

our Church hath conſecrated to this bleſſed Purpoſe, Chriſtmas, Eaſter *and* Whitſunday) *ſuppoſing that your Health and important Occaſions will permit it: Otherwiſe you are not obliged to the Strictneſs of them, tho' you are obliged to receive the Sacrament, whenſoever an Opportunity offers itſelf.*

PRAYERS for LENT.

A Prayer for Ability to perfect our Repentance.

[Mr. SPINCKE's *Hiſtoria Sacra.*

O Holy and eternal Jeſus! who for our Sakes didſt faſt forty Days and forty Nights; and by whoſe holy Example this Seaſon has been ſet a-part for a ſolemn Time of Faſting, Prayer, and Repentance: In Mercy look down upon me thy Servant, and make me ſo deeply ſenſible of my Frailties and Corruptions, and of thy Love to penitent Sinners, that neither this, nor any other Opportunity of Repentance, may be loſt upon me. Pardon all my Sins, and give me Grace to hate and abhor them; mortify and ſubdue all my Luſts and Paſſions; perfect my Repentance; promote all my good Inclinations; encreaſe my Grace, and lead me in the Way everlaſting. Suffer me not, whenever Death ſhall come, to die with any Weight of Guilt upon my Conſcience,

ſcience, with an Affection to do any thing that is evil, or with any Sin not repented of. Give me a Sorrow ſo deep, a Reſolution ſo ſtrong, a Repentance ſo univerſal, a Hope ſo pure, a Charity ſo ſublime; that no Temptations may be able in any Circumſtances to ſeduce me from my Duty.

Make me to fear thee above all things, to obey thee ſincerely, to perſevere in thy Service conſtantly, to love thee with all the Powers and Faculties of my Soul, and to rejoice in thee, both now and at the Hour of Death, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

For Abſtinence and Mortification.

[Mr. Nelson:

ALmighty God, give me Grace to uſe ſuch Abſtinence during this Seaſon dedicated to the Exerciſe of Repentance, that my Fleſh being ſubdued to the Spirit, I may ever obey thy Godly Motions in Righteouſneſs and true Holineſs, and my Mind the better diſpoſed to approach thee, with Ardour and Fervency of Affection. Inure me by Self-denial to bring my Body into Subjection, and to puniſh all thoſe Exceſſes I have been guilty of in the Uſe of thy Creatures. Let my Retirement from the World make me ſee the Vanity and Emptineſs of it, and teach me to reliſh the Pleaſures of

ſpiritual Enjoyments. Let me ſpend thoſe ſolitary Hours in the improving my Chriſtian Knowledge, and do thou open my Eyes that I may ſee the wondrous things of thy Law. Make me heartily to bewail my Sins, and do thou work in me that Godly Sorrow, not to be repented of. Grant that I may ſincerely examine the State of my own Mind, and do thou ſearch and try me, and lead me into the Way everlaſting. That perceiving how bitter a thing it is to depart from the living God, I may no longer continue at a Diſtance from the Fountain of all Joy and Happineſs; but that by confeſſing and forſaking my Sins, I may be entirely converted unto thee, and that they may be blotted out, when the Times of Refreſhing ſhall come from the Preſence of the Lord, thro' Jeſus Chriſt my only Saviour. *Amen.*

A Prayer for the Meditation of Heavenly Things.

[Idem.

ALmighty God, who art the ſupreme Happineſs of a rational Creature; whom to know is eternal Life; fix my Thoughts, my Hopes, and my Deſires upon Heavenly Things; let me remember thee upon my Bed, and meditate on thee in the Night Watches; grant that I may ſo conſider thy Precepts, that I may underſtand the Meaſures

ſures of my Duty, and govern all my Actions by thoſe Rules thou haſt preſcribed me; may ſo apply thy Promiſes, that I may adore that infinite Goodneſs, that hath prepared ſuch glorious Rewards for thoſe that love thee, and never forfeit my Title to them by conſenting to known Iniquity; may ſo recollect my Infirmities, that I may watch againſt them; my own Follies, that I may amend them; may ſo call to mind thy wonderful Deliverances, both in reſpect of my Body, and of my Soul, that I may be convinced that I am preſerved not by my own Strength, but by thy Almighty Power, that thy Name may have the Glory. Make my Heart the Seat of Prayer and holy Meditation; that my Mind being inured to ſpiritual Objects, I may deſpiſe and contemn this World, and be prepared in the Diſpoſition of my Soul, to paſs Eternity in contemplating thy glorious Excellencies, thro' Jeſus Chriſt our Lord, to whom with thee, and the Holy Ghoſt, be all Honour and Glory, World without End. *Amen.*

Prayers for Ember Days.

For the Ordainers and the Ordained.

ALmighty God our heavenly Father, who haſt purchaſed to thyſelf an univerſal Church, by the precious Blood of thy

dear Son, mercifully look upon the ſame, and at this Time ſo guide and govern the Minds of thy Servants, the Biſhops and Paſtors of thy Flock, that they may lay Hands ſuddenly on no Man; but maturely, prudently, and piouſly, may appoint ſuch to thy Service, and the Miniſtry of thy Kingdom, who by Learning, Diſcretion, and a holy Life, are fit Inſtruments for the Converſion of Souls, to be Examples to the People, Guides of their Manners, Comforters of their Sorrows, to ſuſtain their Weakneſſes, and able to promote all the Intereſt of true Religion.

And to thoſe which ſhall be ordain'd to any holy Function, give them for ever a great Meaſure of thy Grace and heavenly Benediction, that both by their Life and Doctrine, they may ſet forth thy Glory, and ſet forward the Salvation of all Men, thro' Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

For the Clergy, that they may rightly diſcharge their holy Function.

[Mr. Nelson.

GRANT, O Lord, that all thoſe who dedicate themſelves to the Service of thy Altar, may be inwardly moved by thy Holy Spirit to take upon them that ſacred Miniſtration; that their Conſciences may teſtify to them, that by enaging in this holy Calling,

Calling, their chief Design is to serve thee, promote thy Glory, and edify thy People; that they may neither be led by Ambition, nor Covetousness; that neither the Honours, nor the Revenues that are annex'd to this Profession, may have any Competition in their Minds, with a mighty Zeal for thy Glory, and a Desire to promote the Salvation of Souls.

To this End, O Lord, grant that they may make thy holy Writ the chief Subject of all their Studies, that they may from thence instruct thy People committed to their Charge, and convince Gainsayers; that they may faithfully and diligently administer thy holy Sacraments; that they may labour in Season and out of Season; by private and publick Admonitions, and Exhortations; that they may maintain Peace and Love among all Christians, and frame their own Lives, and the Lives of their Families, according to the Precepts of thy holy Gospel; and bring all such as are committed to their Charge, unto that Agreement of Faith, and Knowledge of God, and to that Perfection of all Christian Virtues, that there may be no Place left for Error in Religion, or for Viciousness of Life. Give them the Will, O Lord, to do their Duty, and Strength and Power faithfully to perform the same, thro' Jesus Christ our Lord.

For Biſhops.

[Bp TAYLOR.

O Thou great Shepherd, and Biſhop of our Souls, moſt glorious Jeſu, bleſs all holy and religious Prelates, eſpecially the Biſhops of our Church. O God, let Abundance of thy Grace and Benediction deſcend upon their Heads, that by a holy Life, by a true and catholick Belief, by a reſolute Confeſſion of thy Name, and by a fatherly Care, and great Sedulity and Watchfulneſs over their Flock, they may glorify thee our God, the great Lover of Souls, and ſet forward the Salvation of their People, and of others by their Example; and at laſt, after a plentiful Converſion of Souls, they may ſhine like the Stars in Glory, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

For the Laity's Diſcharge of their Duty towards God's Miniſters.

[Mr. NELSON.

I Thankfully acknowledge, O God, thy great Goodneſs, who haſt ſet apart an Order of Men on purpoſe to guide and govern

vern us, to direct and aſſiſt us in Matters of the greateſt Importance, even our eternal Salvation. For theſe ſo great Benefits of thy eternal Goodneſs, and that thou ſtill vouchſafeſt to call others to the ſame Office and Miniſtry of the Salvation of Mankind, I render unto thee moſt hearty Thanks, I worſhip and praiſe thee. Grant, O Lord, I may always reverence, reſpect, pray for, obey, and ſincerely love them, and readily and chearfully provide for their Maintenance; that ſo by a faithful Diſcharge of my Duty to my ſpiritual Superiors, I may continue a ſound Member of thy Church here upon Earth, and may paſs Eternity in the Society of the Church triumphant in Heaven, ſinging Praiſes and Hallelujahs to the bleſſed and glorious Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Ghoſt. *Amen.*

A Prayer for a right Obſervation of Holy-Days, to be uſed on the Vigils and Eves.

[Idem.

ALmighty God, who haſt eſtabliſhed in thy Church Paſtors, and Teachers, and Governors, for the perfecting of the Saints, for the Work of the Miniſtry, for the edifying of the Body of Chriſt *; make me care-

* Epheſ. iv. 42.

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ful to observe all those Institutions which are enjoined for these admirable Ends: And always to esteem Days set apart for thy Worship, and dedicated to thy Service, as a great Relief to the Infirmity of my Nature, which is not capable of an uninterrupted Contemplation of thee. Let not the Affairs of this Life, nor my Eagerness in obtaining the good Things of it, so far engross my Thoughts, as to make me neglect those happy Opportunities of working out my own Salvation. Let not the Love of Pleasure prevail upon me to consume them in sensual Enjoyments; but grant that my Rejoicing may be accompanied with Temperance and Moderation; and dispose my Mind, by all the Refreshments of my Body, to serve thee with greater Diligence and Chearfulness all my Days. Make me constant at these holy Seasons in attending thy publick Worship, and let me enter thy House with recollected Thoughts, composed Behaviour, and with a thankful and devout Temper of Mind. Let me hear thy Word with serious Attention, and with a particular Application of it to the State of my own Soul. Let me approach thy Altar with fervent and heavenly Affections, and with firm Resolutions of better Obedience. Let me commemorate the Mysteries of my Redemption, with profound Humility, with exalted Thoughts of thy wonderful Goodness, and

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with thankful Acknowledgments of thy great Love demonſtrated to the Sons of Men. Let that mighty Grace, O Lord, which enabled thy Saints and Martyrs to conquer all Oppoſition, ſupport and animate thy Servant, who is ſurrounded with the ſame Temptations, and expoſed to the ſame unruly Paſſions. Let their Example teach me to be humble, and meek, and to ſubmit all my Deſires to the Will of God; to govern my Senſes by Reaſon, and my Reaſon by the Dictates of Revelation; to hold faſt thy true Religion and Worſhip, and never to live unworthy thereof; to take up the Croſs, and to reſiſt unto Blood, ſtriving againſt Sin. Let their mortify'd Lives raiſe me above the Pleaſures of Senſe; and let the Pattern of their Piety and Devotion, their Purity and Charity, their patient Sufferings, and Perſeverance unto the End, be always ſo lively imprinted upon my Mind, that I may tranſcribe their Example in my Life and Converſation. That thus obſerving theſe Days of Reſt here below, I may celebrate an eternal Reſt with thee hereafter in thy heavenly Kingdom, thro' Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

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OFFICE

Conſiſting of Prayers and Thankſgivings; to be uſed on Sundays and Holidays.

A Prayer for a devout Obſervation of the Lord's Day.

[Bp KENN. Mr. NELSON.

GLORY be to thee, O my God! who in Compaſſion to human Weakneſs, which is not capable of an uninterrupted Contemplation of thee, ſuch as the Saints have above, haſt appointed a ſolemn Day on purpoſe for thy Remembrance. Glory be to thee for proportioning a ſeventh Part of our Time to thyſelf, and liberally indulging the Remainder to our own Uſe. Let me ever eſteem it my Privilege and my Happineſs, to have a Day of Reſt ſet apart for thy Service, and the Concerns of my own Soul; to have a Day free from Diſtractions, diſengaged from the World, wherein I have nothing to do but to praiſe and to love thee. Give me Grace to worſhip

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thee in my Cloſet, and in the Congregation, that my wandring Thoughts may be fix'd on thee, my tumultuous Affections compos'd, and my flat and cold Deſires quicken'd into ſerious Devotion, and fervent Longings and Thirſtings after thee. O let me employ this Day to all thoſe holy Purpoſes thou haſt appointed; in doing good, in Works of Neceſſity, Devotion, and Charity, in Prayer and Praiſe and Meditation: O let it be ever to me a Day ſacred to divine Love; a Day of heavenly Reſt and Refreſhment.

Grant, O Lord, I may not only give thee due Worſhip myſelf, but may give Reſt and Leiſure alſo to my Family, to all under my Charge, to ſerve thee alſo. O bleſſed Spirit, who on the firſt Day of the Week didſt deſcend in miraculous Gifts and Graces on the Apoſtles, deſcend upon me, that I may be always in the Spirit on the Lord's Day. And ſince the Bleſſing of everlaſting Salvation, which we Chriſtians on thy Day communicate, does wonderfully exceed the Creation commemorated by the Jews: O let our Love and Praiſe, Devotion and Zeal, proportionably exceed theirs alſo: That ſo by a due Obſervation of thy Sabbath here on Earth, we may be fitted to keep an eternal Sabbath with thee hereafter in thy heavenly Kingdom; and this I beg

beg for Jesus Christ's Sake, our Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

A Prayer for the right Use of the Means of Grace, to be said just before going to Church.

[Mr. Hele. Mr. Nelson.

O Heavenly Father, Author and Giver of every good Gift! I humbly beseech thee, of thy divine Goodness, to send thy Grace unto me, and to all thy People; that we may worship and serve thee acceptably in the holy Offices of this Day.

Be present, O God, in all the Assemblies of thy Servants, who shall meet together in thy Name, for Offering up the Sacrifice of Prayer and Thanksgiving; for hearing thy Word, and celebrating thy Sacraments.

Teach us to pray with that awful Reverence, and lowly Submission both of Souls and Bodies, with that Fixedness of Thought, and Fervency of Affection, which become indigent, helpless, sinful Creatures, addressing themselves to the Throne of their Maker and Benefactor, the supreme Lord and Judge of all the World.

Compose us, I beseech thee, into a devout and heavenly Temper of Mind: Lift

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up our Hearts; quicken our Desires; increase our Faith; and give us such a lively Taste of the Pleasures of thy House, that we may delight in thy Ordinances, and know, and feel, that one Day in thy Courts, is better than a thousand elsewhere.

Help us to praise thee with joyful Lips, and with Hearts deeply sensible of thy adorable Excellencies, and unfeignedly thankful for thy innumerable Benefits.

Incline us to hear thy Word with Attention, and to receive it with Meekness and Gladness of Heart; that thro' thy Blessing, it may be an effectual Means of increasing in us thy manifold Gifts of Grace; the Spirit of Wisdom and Understanding; the Spirit of Counsel and ghostly Strength; the Spirit of Knowledge and true Godliness; and the Spirit of thy holy Fear and Love.

Prepare the Hearts of all those who shall meet at thy holy Table, to feast upon the Body and Blood of thy beloved Son *. Help us to approach those holy Mysteries, with such Humility and Contrition, Faith and Devotion, Love and Thankfulness, that we may worthily commemorate the wonderful Love of our Saviour Jesus Christ

* If there be no Communion, instead of [*we*], and [*us*], say [*they*], and [*them*].

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in dying for us, and be Partakers of all the Bleſſings, which by his precious Blood ſhedding, he hath obtained for us.

Send down a double Portion of thy Spirit upon all thoſe whom thou haſt ſet apart to miniſter in Holy Things; that they may do it with clean Hands, and pure Hearts; with a becoming Zeal, and moving Devotion; ſuch as may not only ſuit with the Sacredneſs of their Character, but be a Pattern and ſtrong Incitement to the Piety of others. Work in them and us, and in all thy People, ſincere Reſolutions to dedicate ourſelves entirely to thy Obedience and Service.

Let the Prayers and Sacrifices of thy holy Catholick Church this Day offered unto thee, be in Mercy graciouſly accepted; accompany thy own Inſtitutions with thine own Bleſſings: Let thy Prieſts be cloathed with Righteouſneſs, and pardon all thy People, who are not prepared according to the Preparation of the Sanctuary. Accept the Supplications of thy Church, for all Eſtates and Conditions of Men: Give thy Son the Heathen for his Inheritance, and the utmoſt Parts of the World for his Poſſeſſion: Proſper the Endeavours of all thoſe, who are ſincerely engaged in propagating Chriſtian Knowledge throughout the World, that thy Way may be known upon

Earth,

Earth, and thy ſaving Health among all Nations. Scatter the Enemies of thy Church, who delight in Blood, infatuate and defeat their Counſels, abate their Pride, aſſwage their Malice, and confound their Devices: And grant, that all who confeſs thy holy Name, may agree in the Truth of thy holy Word, and be united to thee by Purity and Holineſs, and to each other by Purity and Godly Love.

And, O Lord, do thou conſecrate us both in Soul and Body, to be holy Temples to thyſelf; that thou dwelling in our Hearts by Faith and Love, we may be cleanſed from all ſinful Affections, and devoutly given to ſerve thee in all good Works, to the Glory of thy Majeſty, and our everlaſting Salvation, thro' Jeſus Chriſt our Lord, to whom with Thee, and the Holy Ghoſt, be all Honour and Glory, World without end. *Amen.*

A General Thankſgiving to the Holy Trinity.

[Bp. KENN.

WORTHY art thou O Lord, of Heaven and Earth, to receive Glory, and Honour, and Power, for thou haſt created all things, and for thy Pleaſure they are and were

were created. Thou haſt made Heaven, the Heaven of Heavens, with all their Hoſts, the Earth and all things that are therein; thou preſerveſt them all, and the Hoſt of Heaven praiſeth thee. Glory be to thee, O Lord God Almighty! for creating Man after thine own Image, and making ſo great a Variety of Creatures to miniſter to his Uſe. Glory be to thee, O heavenly Father! for my Being and Preſervation, Strength and Health, Underſtanding and Memory, Friends and Benefactors, and for all my Abilities of Mind and Body. Glory be to thee for my competent Livelihood, for the Advantages of my Education, for all my known or unobſerved Deliverances; and for the Guard thy holy Angels keep over me. But above all, Glory be to thee, for giving thy Son to die for my Sins; and for all the ſpiritual Bleſſings he has purchaſed for me; for my Baptiſm, and all the Opportunities thou giveſt me of ſerving thee, and of receiving the Holy Euchariſt: For whatever Good I have done or thought, for all my Helps of Grace, and Hopes of Heaven, Glory be to thee. Praiſe the Lord, O my Soul, and all that is within me, praiſe his holy Name.

Glory be to thee, O Lord Jeſus! for thy inexpreſſible Love to loſt Man; for condeſcending to take our frail Nature on thee,

thee, for all thy heavenly Doctrine to inſtruct us, thy great Miracles to convince us, and thy unblameable Example to be a Guide to us. Glory be to thee for thy Agony and bloody Sweat, for all the Torments and Anguiſh of thy bitter Paſſion.

Glory be to thee, for thy glorious Reſurrection and Aſcenſion into Heaven, and Interceſſion for us at the right Hand of thy Father. O gracious Lord! thou who haſt done ſo much for me, how can I ever ſufficiently praiſe and love thee? Praiſe the Lord Jeſus, O my Soul, and all that is within me, praiſe his holy Name.

Glory be to thee, O bleſſed Spirit! Glory be to thee, for all the miraculous Gifts and Graces thou didſt beſtow on the Apoſtles, to fit them to convert the World; for inſpiring the ſacred Penmen of Holy Scripture. Glory be to thee for inſpiring my Soul with holy Thoughts, and kindling in it pious Deſires; and for bringing the joyful Tidings of the Goſpel of Peace to this Land of my Nativity. Glory be to thee for thoſe ordinary Gifts, whereby ſincere Chriſtians in all Ages are enabled to work out their own Salvation, and for ſubduing our Underſtandings and Affections to the Obedience of Faith and Godlineſs; for all the ghoſtly Strength and Support, Comfort and Illumination I receive from thee; for

all thy preventing, reſtraining, and ſanctifying Grace. Glory be to thee, O bleſſed Spirit! let me never more by my Sins grieve thee, who art the Author of Life and Joy to me. Praiſe the Lord, O my Soul, and all that is within me, praiſe his holy Name.

Bleſſing and Honour, Thankſgiving and Praiſe, more than I can utter, more than I can conceive, be given unto thee, O moſt adorable Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Ghoſt, by all Angels, all Men, all Creatures, for ever and for ever. *Amen, Amen.*

A Prayer at Church, before Divine Service begins.

[Mr. Nelson.

GRANT, O Lord, that I may conſtantly attend the publick Inſtitutions of thy holy Religion, that I may never neglect thoſe Means which thou haſt eſtabliſhed for the purifying my corrupt Nature, and for the reforming whatever is amiſs in the Frame and Temper of my Mind: That I may approach thy Preſence with Humility and Devotion, hear thy Word with Reverence and Attention, receive thy holy Sacraments with Faith, Thankſgiving, and Charity; that by theſe Ordinances of thy Appointment,

Appointment, my Soul may be nouriſhed with all Goodneſs, and in ſuch a Meaſure prepared for that Salvation which the bleſſed Jeſus hath purchaſed, that I may depart in Peace, and in the Faith and Fear of God's Elect, through the ſame Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

A Prayer at Church, after the Service is ended.

O Lord, I beſeech thee, pardon all thoſe Imperfections that have accompanied the Performance of my Duty; and accept the Praiſes, and return a gracious Anſwer to the Prayers of thy Church. Oh! by the Uſe of theſe Means graft in my Soul the Love of thy Name, increaſe in me true Religion, nouriſh me with all Goodneſs, and of thy great Mercy keep me in the ſame, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

A Prayer and Thankſgiving to be uſed after we are returned from Divine Service.

[Mr. Hele.

I Render thee moſt humble and hearty Thanks, O holy and merciful Father, that (notwithſtanding my great Sinfulneſs

and Unworthineſs) thou haſt again admitted me to thy holy Temple to worſhip and praiſe thee, in the Congregation of thy Saints.

Forgive, I humbly beſeech thee, whatever thou haſt ſeen amiſs in me, or any of thy Servants: Pardon all the Iniquities of my holy Things: My Coldneſs, Wanderings, and Indevotion in Prayer. My irreverent Behaviour in thy Houſe, and Wearineſs of thy Service: My Backwardneſs to come to thy Table: My coming thither at any time without due Preparation: and my repeated Violations of the ſolemn Vows and Promiſes I have made at thy Altar.

O my God, pardon all my Abuſes of thy Mercies, and the unworthy Returns I have made to all thy Benefits.

Pardon, I beſeech thee, my ſhameful Unfruitfulneſs hitherto, under all the Means of Grace: And make me more careful to improve all future Opportunities; that ſo as I grow in Years, I may grow in Grace; and the nearer I come to my End, I may be the more fit for that pure and perfect Bliſs, which thou haſt prepared for thoſe that devoutly worſhip and ſerve thee in the Glories of thy Kingdom.

Accept the Praiſes, and return a gracious Anſwer to the Prayers of thy Church, which

which have been offered up to thee this Day. And of thy infinite Goodneſs grant to me, and to all thy People every where, that whatſoever good Inſtruction we have learned from thy Word, we may carefully remember, and diligently follow: And whatever good Deſires thou haſt put into any of our Hearts, I humbly beg, that by the Aſſiſtance of thy Grace, we may bring the ſame to good Effect, and daily increaſe in the Knowledge and Love of thee our God, and of Jeſus Chriſt our Lord.

Oh! may we become every Day more and more zealous, in all the Duties of Religion; more frequent and fervent in our Prayers and Thankſgivings; more ſerious in our Repentance and Humiliations; more fit and deſirous to receive the holy Sacrament, and more regular and exemplary in our Lives and Converſations. Raiſe up a Spirit of Primitive Piety, and Zeal for the Converſion of Souls, among thoſe who wait at thy Altar. Engage the Minds of the Great and Powerful, to countenance and encourage all ſuch pious Undertakings: And let every Chriſtian, in his Place and Station, contribute towards the Promotion of ſo good a Work; that the whole World may be enlightened with the Knowledge of thy Truth; and thy Kingdom of Grace ſo univerſally prevail over all the Earth, that

the Kingdom of thy Glory may be haſtened: Which grant, I beſeech thee, O gracious God, for Jeſus Chriſt's Sake, thy beloved Son our Saviour. *Amen.*

With theſe my Prayers and Supplications, I beſeech thee, O Lord, to accept the Sacrifice of my Praiſe and Thankſgiving for all thy Mercies both Spiritual and Temporal, which thou haſt from time to time beſtowed upon me.

I bleſs and praiſe thee, O Lord God Almighty, for making me a rational Creature; and bringing me to the Knowledge and Belief of the Chriſtian Religion, whereby I enjoy the Means of Grace, and am entitled to the everlaſting Happineſs of Heaven.

I bleſs thee, O Lord, for thy Preſervation of me, the Day paſt, and through the whole Courſe of my Life; and for thy great Patience and Long-ſuffering towards me, in ſparing me ſo long, and vouchſafing me ſo large a Time to repent of my Sins, and to prepare my Soul for that glorious Inheritance, which thou haſt promiſed to thoſe that love thee, and keep thy Commandments.

But above all, I praiſe and magnify thy holy Name, for the wonderful Work of our Redemption; for the perfect Pattern of our Saviour's Life; for the Excellency of

of his Doctrine; and for the all-ſufficient Merits of his Death and Paſſion.

I bleſs and praiſe thee, for all the Gifts and Graces of thy holy Spirit; for thoſe miraculous Powers whereby Chriſtianity was propagated throughout the World; and for thoſe Aſſiſtances Chriſtians have received in all Ages, for the doing thy Holy Will.

I bleſs and praiſe thee, O Lord, for the Knowledge and Senſe thou haſt given me of my Duty towards thee; for that Strength and Power whereby thou haſt enabled me, in ſome Meaſure to perform it; for the pious Reſolutions thou haſt wrought in me, to perſevere in thy Service to the end of my Life; and for the happy Opportunity thou haſt this Day vouchſafed me, of worſhipping thee in the publick Congregation; and of receiving freſh Supplies of Grace in the Uſe of thy holy Ordinances.

Grant, I humbly beſeech thee, that I may walk worthy of theſe thy ineſtimable Favours; and make it my daily Care and Endeavours, to get my Soul raiſed more and more into ſuch a heavenly Temper, ſuch Delight in God, ſuch unſpotted Purity, Humility, Meekneſs, univerſal Charity, Reſignation to thy holy Will, Contentedneſs in all Conditions; and ſuch Sincerity

and Uprightneſs of Heart towards thee, my God, and towards all Men, as may prepare and fit me for the bleſſed Company of Saints and Angels, in thy heavenly Kingdom, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord; to whom be Glory in the Church through all Ages, World without End. *Amen.*

A Prayer to be uſed when hindred from Publick Prayers.

INET.

O Moſt gracious and eternal Father, who has promiſed to accept of Mercy inſtead of Sacrifice; let not my Abſence from it, deprive me of the Bleſſings of thy Houſe, but of thy Goodneſs pardon my Omiſſions, and let me ſhare in the Benefits of thy Peoples Prayers, for Jeſus Chriſt's Sake. *Amen.*

A Prayer to be ſaid upon the Feaſt of Chriſtmas, *or any other Time.*

[Bp. KENN, Mr. NELSON, *Hiſtoria Sacra*, &c.

O God, whoſe bleſſed Son was manifeſted that he might deſtroy the Works of the Devil, and make us the Sons of God, and Heirs of eternal Life; grant, I beſeech thee,

thee, that having this Hope, I may purify myſelf, even as he is pure; that my Soul may be ſo abſtracted, ſo religious and contemplative, that I may adore thee with all the Powers and Faculties of it, love thee with all my Affections, deſire thee above all things, delight in thee always; and perſevere in thy Service with an indefatigable Induſtry, and an uninterrupted Obedience all the Days of my Life.

O bleſſed Saviour, who ſubmitted to the Miſeries of human Nature, and to the Affronts of an ungrateful World; let the Allurements of it, and the Enjoyments of Senſe, appear to me as trifling Entertainments, in Compariſon of the Pleaſure and Happineſs of ſerving thee and doing Good. Let not Proſperity corrupt and intoxicate me, nor Adverſity ſink and diſpirit me; and in whatever State I am, therewith to be content. Let the Difficulties and Dangers which I meet with in the Way of my Duty, be ſo far from diſcouraging me, that they may raiſe my Spirits, increaſe my Reſolutions, ſo as to make me ready and willing to do, or ſuffer, any thing for thy ſake, with a joyful and triumphant Spirit.

O King of Glory, who came down from Heaven and dwelt amongſt us; give me Grace, to ſet thee always before me; O fix my ſerious Contemplation continually on

thee, that I may ever think, ſpeak, and act, as in the Light of thy all-ſeeing Eye. Raviſh my Soul with a lively Senſe of thy infinite Amiableneſs; O vouchſafe me one ſhort Glimpſe of thy Goodneſs; that I may perpetually thirſt and pant after thee; that my Employment may be always holy; that I may be dead to the Pleaſures, and inſenſible of the Charms of this World; that as much as my Condition of Life will bear, I may frequently retire both from the Buſineſs and Enjoyments of it: That by Prayer and Meditation I may have my Converſation above: That by believing the Goſpel of Chriſt, I may entertain him in my Heart, and by Obedience to his Laws publiſh him to the World.

That being here tranſported and raviſhed with divine Love, and perſevering in thy Service, and the Virtues and Duties of a holy Life, I may be wrought up to a Reſemblance of thy Beauty, and to all Eternity rejoice, in the beholding and contemplating of thoſe Glories which are above all Capacities, above all Heavens, above all Angels, even thoſe Glories which ſtream forth from the Throne of the Eternal God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghoſt, to whom be Glory, and Dominion, Honour, Thankſgiving, and Adoration, eternally confeſſed due, and humbly paid, by all

all Men, and all Angels, World without End. *Amen.*

A Thankſgiving for the Birth of our Saviour.

IT is very meet, right, and my bounden Duty, that I ſhould at all Times, and in all Places, give Thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty everlaſting God. Becauſe thou didſt give Jeſus Chriſt thy only Son to be born as at this Time for us; who by the Operation of the Holy Ghoſt was made very Man of the Subſtance of the Virgin *Mary* his Mother, and without Spot of Sin, to make us clean from all Sin: Therefore with Angels and Arch-Angels, and with all the Company of Heaven, I laud and magnify thy glorious Name, evermore praiſing thee, and ſaying, Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hoſts, Heaven and Earth are full of thy Glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord moſt High. *Amen.*

Glory be to God on high, and in Earth Peace, Good-Will towards Men. I praiſe thee, I bleſs thee, I worſhip thee, I glorify thee, I give thanks unto thee for thy great Glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord the only begotten Jeſus Chriſt, O Lord God, Lamb

of God, Son of the Father, who waſt made Man to take away the Sins of the World, have Mercy upon me, by turning me from my Iniquities: Thou who waſt manifeſted to deſtroy the Works of the Devil, have Mercy upon me, by enabling me to renounce and forſake them: Thou who art the great Advocate with the Father, for penitent Sinners, receive my Prayers. For thou only art holy, thou only art the Lord, thou only, O Chriſt, with the Holy Ghoſt, art moſt high in the Glory of God the Father. *Amen.*

A Prayer for the bleſſed Effects of Chriſt's Reſurrection; to be uſed at Eaſter.

[Mr. NELSON.

BLESSED Jeſus, who haſt triumphed over the Powers of Darkneſs, and conquered Hell and the Grave, who by thy glorious Reſurrection haſt made known the Power of thy Divinity, and proved thyſelf to be the true Meſſias; keep me ſtedfaſt in this Faith; and grant that all the Actions of my Life may teſtify the Reality and Sincerity of my Belief. Make me to riſe from the Death of Sin to the Life of Righteouſneſs,

ouſneſs, that as I am buried with thee by Baptiſm, I may mortify all my corrupt Luſts and Affections; and no longer eſteem the Pomps and Vanities of this wicked World; and by being conformed to the Likeneſs of thy Reſurrection, may put on the new Man, which after God is created in Righteouſneſs, and true Holineſs. That I may place my Affections entirely on things above, and ſpend the remaining part of my Life to ſecure that Happineſs thou haſt purchaſed for me; that by thy Strength I may fight againſt all my ghoſtly Enemies, and by thy Power overcome them. Suffer not the Thoughts of Death to be any longer uneaſy to me, ſince thou haſt taken out the Sting, and diveſted it of any Power to hurt: But teach me to look upon it as a Deliverance from Sin and Sorrow, and as a Paſſage to a happy Eternity; that when I ſhall depart this Life, I may reſt in thee, and at the general Reſurrection at the laſt Day be found acceptable in thy Sight, O Lord, my Saviour, and Redeemer. *Amen.*

A Prayer for the Gifts of God's Holy Spirit, to be uſed at Whitſuntide, *or any other Time.*

[Dr. Hicks.

O Lord my God, who by thy Son our Saviour Jeſus Chriſt promiſed thy Holy Spirit to them that aſk him of thee, I beſeech thee to give him to me in all the Graces and Aſſiſtances of which I ſtand in need, I aſk him in all Humility and Earneſtneſs, as the greateſt Bleſſing I can receive; I aſk him in the Senſe of my own Weakneſs and Infirmities, as knowing without his continual Inſpirations I can deſire nothing that is good, or do any thing that is acceptable to thee: O therefore let him be with me, and remain with me, and moſt powerfully aſſiſt and ſupport me in all Trials and Temptations when I moſt need his Help.

Let him be unto me a Spirit of Sanctification to purify my corrupt Nature, a Spirit of Counſel in all Difficulties, of Direction in all Doubts, of Courage in all Dangers, of Conſtancy in all Perſecutions, of Comfort in all Troubles, eſpecially in Times of Sickneſs, and at the Hour of Death; and of Submiſſion and Reſignation to thy holy Will and Pleaſure in all Afflictions that are moſt grievous to Fleſh and Blood.

Leave

Leave me not a Moment to my own human Frailty without his Aſſiſtance; but let him conſtantly inſpire me with Fear, Love, and Devotion towards thee; with Truth, Juſtice, and Charity towards my Neighbour; and with Abſtinence and Sobriety towards myſelf. And becauſe I live in evil Times, and am in Danger of being deceived by the Wiles and falſe Pretenſions of Men, let him be alſo unto me a Spirit of Wiſdom and Conduct, and Diſcretion, that in all my Converſations I may be able to diſcern Truth from Hypocriſy, and ſincere and deſigning and faithful, from falſe, deſigning and flattering Friends.

Farthermore, I beſeech thee, let him be unto me a Spirit of Patience under all Croſſes, and in all Provocations; a Spirit of Truſt and ſtedfaſt Repoſe of Mind in thy Care and Providence, a Spirit of Forgiveneſs to my Enemies, a Spirit of Humility to make me quiet and eaſy in myſelf, meek and gentle to others, and to free me from all the Sin and Torment of Pride, Envy, and Ambition; and finally ſo let him guide me, and govern me, thro' the whole Courſe of my ſhort Life here, that I may not fail to obtain everlaſting Life, thro' Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

A Prayer that we may be entitled to the Benefits of Chriſt's Sufferings; and that we may be willing to lay down our Lives for Chriſt's Sake.

Proper to be ſaid upon any Feſtival relating to any of the Apoſtles.

[Mr. Hele. Mr. Nelson.

O Eternal Son of God, I humbly beſeech thee to look graciouſly upon me, and intercede for me with thy Father, that for thy Sake he may be gracious unto me, and forgive me all my Sins, and lift up the Light of his Countenance upon me.

And grant, O bleſſed Saviour, that I may always bear in my Mind ſuch a devout Remembrance and Feeling of thy bitter Paſſion, as may be a powerful Protection of my Soul againſt all the Aſſaults of my ſpiritual Adverſaries; and effectually engage me to crucify the Fleſh, with its Affections and Luſts; and to run with Patience the Race thou haſt ſet before me; evermore looking unto thee, the Captain of our Salvation, who waſt made perfect thro' Sufferings.

And I beſeech thee, O bleſſed Jeſus! Let the Senſe of thy wonderful Love, in ſubmitting to the worſt of Deaths for my Sake,

Sake, inflame my Soul with ſuch an invincible Love of thee, and with ſuch an ardent Zeal for thy Glory, that if ever thy Providence ſhould make it my Duty to ſuffer for the Belief of thy Heavenly Truths, I may do it with undaunted Courage and Reſolution, and readily and chearfully embrace Death, tho' arm'd with the utmoſt Terrors, rather than forſake thee. But bring me not to ſuffer, 'till thou haſt fitted and prepared me for it; and lay no more upon me than thou wilt enable me willingly and thankfully to endure. Let me not raſhly expoſe myſelf to Danger without thy Call, nor ſuffer for my own Fancy or Folly, or for any wilful or affected Error.

Grant me Grace to live according to the Rules of my moſt holy Faith, and to obey thy Will in every thing, that I may have Comfort and rejoice in ſuch an happy Occaſion of ſuffering for it, and of teſtifying the Sincerity and Fervour of my Affections towards thee, and of ſhewing that thou art the Delight of my Soul, that I may not only prefer thee, before all the Pleaſures and Satisfactions of Life; but that all the Torments and Pains of a violent Death, are not able to ſeparate me from thee. Give me Patience to bear my Croſs, and Meekneſs to bear with my Perſecutors, Charity to forgive their Wrongs, and to pray to thee for their Forgiveneſs. Oh!

Oh! Let the firm Belief of the immortal Joys, and the glorious Rewards thou haſt prepared for thoſe that ſuffer for thee, ſupport me under all the Cruelties of the moſt mercileſs Perſecutors. Let the Examples of thy Holy Martyrs, who had Trial of cruel Mockings and Scourgings, of Bonds and Impriſonments, who were ſtoned, who were ſawn aſunder, and ſlain with the Sword, who ſerved the Lord in Hunger and Thirſt, in Priſon and Chains, in Racks and in Torture; and undauntedly encountred Death, armed with the greateſt Terror; arm me with Patience, Fortitude, and Reſolution, to confeſs thee before Men, as they did, that neither Profit may engage, nor Pleaſure ſoften me into any ſinful Compliance; nor any Sufferings or Perſecutions ſo far influence my Fear, as to make me ſtagger or move from my Stedfaſtneſs. That in all my Sufferings here upon Earth, for the Teſtimony of thy Truth, I may fix my Mind upon thoſe Things thou haſt prepared for them that love thee, and by the Example of thy Saints, conſtantly ſpeak the Truth, boldly rebuke Vice, and patiently ſuffer for Righteouſneſs-ſake, O bleſſed Jeſus, who ſtandeſt at the Right Hand of God, to ſuccour thoſe who ſuffer for thee, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

A Prayer for following the Example of the Saints.

[Mr. Nelson.

BLeſſed God, who haſt ſet before us the Examples of thy Saints, that our Duty may become familiar to us, ſince performed by Men of like Paſſions with ourſelves. Make me ſo wiſe in this State of Probation and Trial, as to provide for Eternity, by walking in thoſe Paths that conducted thy bleſſed Saints to everlaſting Bliſs. Keep it for ever in the Purpoſe of my Heart, as it was in theirs, to obey thoſe Laws which thou my Maker and Sovereign haſt enjoin'd, and according to which I ſhall be one Day judged. Grant that I may with all poſſible Care avoid Sin, the greateſt Evil, and the moſt miſchievous to my main Intereſt; and that I may at any Expence ſeek thy Favour, which is better than Life. That following thy bleſſed Saints in the Meekneſs and Humility of their Minds, in the Mortification of their carnal Appetites, in their entire Submiſſion to thy divine Will, in their Charity to the Souls and Bodies of Men, in their Patience under Sufferings, and in their Readineſs to take up the Croſs, I may attain that Happineſs they now poſſeſs, and inherit thoſe Promiſes which they are made Par-

Partakers of, thro' the Merits of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Thanksgiving for the Perseverance of good Men.

[Idem.

MOST gracious God, the Author of Sanctity and Lover of Unity, whose Wisdom hath established an admirable Communion between the Members of the same mystical Body, whereof thy Son Jesus Christ is the Head. I bless and praise thy Holy Name for all thy Apostles, Saints and Martyrs departed this Life in thy Faith and Fear: I congratulate their Victories over the World, who overcame themselves, and led in Triumph their own Passions. I commemorate with all Thankfulness their Heroic Piety, who served their Lord in Hunger and Thirst, in Prison and Chains, on Racks and in Torture, and who undauntedly encountred Death, armed with the greatest Terror. I rejoice in the Glory and Happiness they are now advanced to, the Greatness of which the Heart of Man cannot conceive. Beseeching thee to give me Grace so to follow their good Examples, in the wise bestowing of my Time here below, that I may follow them in their happy Passage out of this World, and with them be made

made Partakers of thy Heavenly Kingdom, which I beſeech thee to haſten, and ſhortly to accompliſh the Number of thine Elect; that I with all thoſe that are departed in the true Faith of thy holy Name, may have our perfect Conſummation and Bliſs, both in Body and Soul, in thy eternal and everlaſting Glory, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

PRAYERS

PRAYERS AND COLLECTS FOR

Diverſe Chriſtian Graces,

Whereof every Man at any Time may uſe as many of them as his Zeal and Leiſure ſhall direct him; adding, if he pleaſe, one of the Confeſſions appointed for Morning and Night, and never omitting the Lord's Prayer.

A Prayer for an effectual Faith.

[Mr. Nelson.

O Holy and eternal God! who haſt graciouſly condeſcended to eſtabliſh with Chriſtians a Covenant of Faith and Obedience, with the Promiſes of a preſent Supply of Grace and Aſſiſtance, and of a future Reward to crown all thoſe that perſevere in thy

thy Service; O let me for ever dwell upon this Rock, that while I am ſurrounded with ſenſible things, I may not be ſhaken by the Power of them. That no Charms of preſent ſinful Pleaſures may make me forget that Place of Torment to which they conſign me. That the Cares of this Life, and the Deceitfulneſs of Riches, may never make me neglect a Treaſure that faileth not, an Inheritance with the Saints in Light. Work in me all thoſe godly Affections that may make my Faith effectual to my Salvation. Let the Belief of thy paternal Care over me, produce Love, Honour, and dutiful Obedience; the Belief of thy Almighty Power, Reverence and godly Fear; the Belief of thy Righteouſneſs, Holineſs in all manner of Converſation; that Faith being the governing Principle of my Life, it may compoſe my Mind under all Events, by a firm Truſt and Confidence in thy wiſe Providence, and that it may diſpel all Solitude for worldly Supplies, by a ſettled Perſuaſion that thou wilt with-hold no good Thing from them that walk uprightly, and that thou art ready to beſtow good Things if we perſevere in Prayer and Devotion; that ordering all my Actions with a regard to another World, I may ſo paſs thro' things temporal, that I finally loſe not the things eternal, thro' Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

For

For Chaſtity.

[Bp Taylor. Bp Kenn.

O Holy and immaculate Jeſus, who waſt born of a pure Virgin, and delighteſt to dwell in pure and virgin Hearts; with Mercy behold thy Servant, and create in me a perfect Abhorrence of all Impurity, that I may purify myſelf, as thou Lord art pure. I know that I can never be Partaker of the divine Nature, unleſs I eſcape the Pollution that is in the World through Luſt. O do thou therefore cleanſe me from all Filthineſs of Fleſh and Spirit, that I may perfect Holineſs in thy Fear; and preſerve me chaſte, and ſpotleſs, clean and undefiled; that my Body may be an holy Temple, and my Soul a Sanctuary, always fit for thee to dwell in. Pardon all my paſt Impurities, whether in Thought, Word or Deed, and reprove in me the Spirit of Luſts, and Uncleanneſs. Give me Grace, O Lord, to fly all Incitements, Opportunities, or Inſtruments, of defiling either my Neighbour, or myſelf; to beat down my Body, and to bring it into Subjection; let me live ever watching, or praying, or profitably employed, that I may leave no room, if poſſible, for any unclean Spirit to enter into my Soul and tempt me. But let my Thoughts be holy, my Soul

pure, my Body chaſte and healthful, my Spirit prudent and ſober, juſt, ſincere and temperate, meek and quiet: That after a chaſte and religious Life here, I may be preſented to God, pure and ſpotleſs, waſhed and cleanſed in thy Blood, and reign with thee for ever. *Amen.* Holy Lamb of God. *Amen.*

For Temperance.

[Bp TAYLOR.

O Bountiful and gracious Lord, who giveſt us all Things richly to enjoy, be thou gracious to thy Servant yet more, and ſuffer me not by my Folly to turn thy Bounty into Sin, thy Grace into Wantonneſs; but give me the Spirit of Temperance and Sobriety, and a perfect Abhorrence of all Degrees of Exceſs, that I may uſe thy Creatures in the ſame Meaſure, and to the ſame Purpoſes, which thou haſt deſigned; ſo as may beſt enable me to ſerve thee; and not to make Proviſion for the Fleſh, to fulfil the Luſts thereof. Pardon, O God, in whatſoever I have offended thee, by Meat and Drink, and Pleaſure; and never let my Body any more be oppreſſed with Surfeiting and Drunkenneſs, or the Luxuries of this ſenſual Life: But ſubdue my Appetite to Reaſon and thy Grace, that my Table may be no more a Snare

Snare unto me, nor my Food become a Temptation, a Sin, or a Diſeaſe: But that my Affections being changed from earthly to heavenly, I may hunger and thirſt after Righteouſneſs, and account it my Meat, and Drink, and Pleaſure, to do thy Will, O God. Grant this, O Lord, for thy Son Jeſus Chriſt's Sake. *Amen.*

For Devotion in Prayer.

[The whole Duty of Man, &c.

O Gracious Lord God, who not only permitteſt, but inviteſt us miſerable and needy Creatures to preſent our Petitions to thee; grant, I beſeech thee, that the Frequency of my Prayer may be ſomewhat proportionable to thoſe continual Needs I have of thy Mercy. And that I may obtain my Petitions, enable me to offer them up with an Importunity and Earneſtneſs ſome way anſwerable to thy awful Majeſty, and my preſſing Wants. With ſuch a pure Intention, and Fixedneſs of Mind upon thee, as no wandering Thoughts may interrupt: With ſuch Fervency of Deſire, ſuch God-like Affections, Humility, Reverence and Devotion, as thou wilt be graciouſly pleaſed to accept: That I may rejoice, and take the greateſt Delight in every Opportunity of Worſhipping thy glorious Majeſty; and no more

more incur the Guilt of drawing near to thee with my Lips, when my Heart is far from thee, or have my Prayers turned into Sin; but may ſo aſk that I may receive, ſeek that I may find, knock that it may be open'd unto me; that from praying to thee here, I may be tranſlated to the praiſing thee eternally in thy Glory, thro' the Merits and Interceſſion of Jeſus Chriſt. *Amen.*

For Hope.

[Idem.

O Lord, who art the Hope of all the Ends of the Earth, let me never be deſtitute of a well-grounded Hope, nor yet poſſeſſed with a vain Preſumption; ſuffer me not to think thou wilt either be reconciled to my Sins, or reject my Repentance; but give me, I beſeech thee, ſuch a Hope as may be anſwerable to the only Ground of Hope, thy Promiſes; and ſuch as may both encourage and enable me to purify myſelf from all Filthineſs both of Fleſh and Spirit; that ſo it may indeed become to me an Anchor of the Soul both ſure and ſtedfaſt, entring even within the Veil whither the Fore-runner is for me entred, even Jeſus Chriſt, my High-Prieſt, and Bleſſed Redeemer. *Amen.*

For the Fear of God.

{Idem.

O Glorious Majesty, who only art high and to be feared, possess my Soul with an holy Awe and Reverence of thee, that I may give the Honour due unto thy Name, and may bear such a Respect unto all things which relate to thee, that I may never profane any holy Thing, nor sacrilegiously invade what thou hast set apart to thyself: And since thou art a God, that will not clear the Guilty, let the Dread of thy Justice make me tremble to provoke thee in any thing. O let me not so misplace my Fear, as to be afraid of a Man that shall die, and of the Son of Man, who shall be made as Grass, and forget the Lord my Maker; but replenish my Soul with that Fear of the Lord which is the Beginning of Wisdom, which may be as a Bridle to all my brutish Appetites, and keep me in a constant Conformity to thy holy Will. Hear me, O Lord, I beseech thee, and put this Fear in my Heart, that I may not depart from thee; but may, with Fear and Trembling, work out my own Salvation thro' Jesus Christ.

For

For Sincerity towards God.

[Mr. Nelson.

O God, who art the great Searcher of Hearts, who doſt not require outward Acts of Duty, but the inward Diſpoſition of the Mind; teach me in all my religious Actions to have an Eye to thy Authority; to obey thy Laws, becauſe thou haſt enjoined them; to make the Senſe of my Duty the prevailing Motive of my Piety, and not the Praiſe of Men, nor regard to temporal Advantages. Let me at all Times, and in all Places, have a Reſpect to all thy Commandments, that no Privacy or Retirement may encourage me to offend thee, that no Loſſes or Croſſes may hinder me from doing or ſuffering thy bleſſed Will. Let not my Devotion be made a Pretext to cheat and defraud my Neighbour; neither let the Exerciſe of Juſtice and Morality towards Men, be a Plea for the Neglect of my Duty towards thee. Let my Charity to the Poor never ſerve to cover my Intemperance; nor any Sobriety exempt me from feeding the Hungry, and cloathing the Naked. Make my Life uniform and of a piece, that the Duties of both Tables may take place in all my Actions, that my great Deſign being thy Glory, I may thro' thy

infinite Mercy be accepted by thee, thro' Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

For Sincerity towards Man.

[Idem.

TEACH me, O Lord, in all my Dealings and Intercourſe with others, to exerciſe true Simplicity and Singleneſs of Heart, never to compaſs any Deſign by inſidious Devices and falſe Appearances; not to betray my Neighbour by not performing what I have promiſed. Let me never abuſe Men into a falſe Opinion of themſelves, by repreſenting them better than they are. Let my Tongue be the true Interpreter of my Mind, and my Expreſſions the lively Image of my Thoughts and Affections, and my outward Actions exactly agreeable to my Purpoſes and Intentions; that ſo when the Secrets of all Hearts ſhall be diſcovered at thy dreadful Tribunal, I may not be confounded, O bleſſed Jeſus, with the Workers of Iniquity, who will not be able there to hide themſelves. Grant this, O Lord, for Jeſus Chriſt's Sake. *Amen.*

For

For Thankfulneſs.

[Duty of Man.

O Moſt gracious and bountiful Lord, who filleſt all Things living with Good, and expecteſt no other Return, but Praiſe and Thankſgiving, let me, O Lord, never defraud thee of that ſo eaſy Tribute; but let my Heart be ever filled with the Senſe, and my Mouth with the Acknowledgment of thy Mercies. It is a joyful and pleaſant thing to be thankful; O ſuffer me not, I beſeech thee, to loſe any Part in that divine Pleaſure, but grant, that as I daily receive Bleſſings from thee, ſo I may daily, from an affectionate and devout Heart, offer up Thanks to thee; and grant that not only my Lips, but my Life, may ſhew forth thy Praiſe, by conſecrating myſelf to thy Service, and walking in Holineſs and Righteouſneſs before thee all the Days of my Life, thro' Jeſus Chriſt my Lord and bleſſed Saviour.

For Diligence.

[Idem.

O Lord, who haſt in thy Wiſdom ordained that Man ſhall be born to labour, ſuffer me not to reſiſt that Deſign of thine, by

giving up myſelf to Sloth and Idleneſs; but grant I may ſo employ my Time, and all other Talents thou haſt entruſted me with, that I may not fall under the Sentence of the ſlothful and wicked Servant. Lord, if it be thy Will, make me ſome Way uſeful to others, that I may not live an unprofitable Part of Mankind; but however, let me not be uſeleſs to myſelf, but grant I may give all Diligence to make my Calling and Election ſure. My Soul is beſet with many and vigilant Adverſaries; O let me not fold my Hands to ſleep in the Midſt of ſo great Dangers, but watch and pray, that I enter not into Temptation, enduring Hardneſs as a good Soldier of Jeſus Chriſt, till at the laſt from this State of Warfare thou tranſlate me to the State of Triumph and Bliſs in thy Kingdom, through Jeſus Chriſt.

For Juſtice.

Idem.

O Thou King of Righteouſneſs, who haſt commanded us to keep Judgment and do Juſtice, be pleaſed by thy Grace to cleanſe my Heart and Hands from all Fraud and Injuſtice, and give me a perfect Integrity and Uprightneſs in all my Dealings. O make me ever abhor to uſe my Power to oppreſs,

oppreſs, or my Skill to deceive my Brother; and grant I may moſt ſtrictly obſerve that ſacred Rule, of doing as I would be done to; that I may not diſhonour my Chriſtian Profeſſion by an unjuſt and fraudulent Life, but in Simplicity and Godly Sincerity, have my Converſation in the World; never ſeeking to heap up Treaſures in this Life; but preferring a little with Righteouſneſs before great Revenues without Right. Lord make me exactly careful to render to every Man what by any Sort of Obligation becomes his Due, that I may never break the Bond of any of thoſe Relations that thou haſt placed me in, but may ſo behave myſelf towards all, that none may have any evil thing to ſay of me. That ſo if it be poſſible, I may have Peace with all Men, or however, I may by keeping Innocency, and taking heed to the thing that is right, have Peace at the laſt, even Peace with thee, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord.

For Humility.

[Mr. NELSON.

BLESSED Jeſus, who haſt ſet before me the perfect Pattern of thy Humility, and haſt commanded me to copy out ſo fair an Original; enable me by thy Grace, to

imitate thy wonderful Condeſcenſion; that I may not by my Pride and Vanity loſe that Happineſs thou haſt purchaſed for me by thy Humility. Make me ſenſible of my own Vileneſs by reaſon of my Sins, which are evident Proofs of my Weakneſs and Folly, Baſeneſs and Ingratitude, and render me contemptible in thy Sight. Let the Thoughts of this cover me with Shame and Confuſion, check all vain and aſpiring Thoughts, and wean me from any fond Opinion of myſelf. To thee be the Glory of all the Good I enjoy, for it is from thee I received it: To thee be the Glory of all the Good I think or do; for it is thy Grace enables me, it is thy holy Spirit that works in me, both to will and to do thy good Pleaſure. Let me never purchaſe the Praiſe of Men by mean Flatteries and ſinful Compliances, nor entertain their Applauſe with too great Delight; but make me humble in all my Thoughts of myſelf, and patiently to bear the Indignities I may receive from others, becauſe I have deſerved them from thee, and becauſe thou haſt ſuffered the ſame upon my Account: Grant this, O bleſſed Jeſus, who with the Father, and the Holy Spirit, liveth and reigneth, one God, World without End. *Amen.*

For

For Submiſſion to God's Will.

[Idem.

MOST gracious God, who governeſt the World with infinite Wiſdom and Goodneſs, and doſt not afflict willingly, nor grieve the Children of Men; teach me contentedly to ſubmit to the Diſpenſations of thy Providence, how contrary ſoever they may be to Fleſh and Blood. Thou knoweſt the ſureſt Ways of making me happy, and art infinite in loving Kindneſs and Mercy, and therefore I ſubmit myſelf, to all the Events which it ſhall pleaſe thee to bring upon me: Do with me what thou ſeeſt good, and let thy holy Will be done in me, and by me, and in every thing be my Choice and Satisfaction. Let all my Dangers, either Temporal or Spiritual, awaken me to a careful Performance of my own Duty, and to a lively Senſe of thy Power which nothing can reſiſt, and of thy Goodneſs which endureth continually; that being armed with this Defence, I may ſerve thee quietly with a devout Mind, and in thy due time be made Partaker of thy everlaſting Kingdom, through Jeſus Chriſt. *Amen.*

For Contentedneſs in a mean Condition.

[Idem.

ALMIGHTY God, who in thy wiſe Providence haſt conſtituted ſeveral Ranks and Qualities of Men, that they might mutually aſſiſt to the Support of each other; teach me to be content with the Station wherein thou haſt been pleaſed to place me, honeſtly and diligently to diſcharge the Duties of my Calling; without anxiety to depend upon thy Bleſſing for the Succeſs of my lawful Endeavours. That however contemptible my Profeſſion may be in the Eyes of Men, my Fidelity and Induſtry may be acceptable in thy Sight: That they may bring me in the Return of a convenient Subſiſtence and Proviſion for my Family in this Life; and in the next the Reward that thou haſt promiſed to all that truly love and fear thee, through the Merits of Jeſus Chriſt. *Amen.*

For

For the Government of the Tongue.

[Idem.

SET a Guard, O Lord, upon my Lips, that I offend not with my Tongue. Let Prudence and Circumſpection always attend to ſhut out ſuch Diſcourſes as border the leaſt upon evil Speaking. That I may be tender of the Reputation of my Neighbour, and never diminiſh his good Name by ſpreading any evil Reports concerning him: That the Deformity of his Body, and the Weakneſs of his Mind, may never be the Subject of my light Mirth. That I may never encourage Backbiters, by liſtening to their Suggeſtions, and by giving Credit to their Slanders. Thou haſt given me a Tongue that I might praiſe thee, and that I might influence others, to bleſs thy holy Name. O! let this be the main Employment of that noble Gift, that my Words may chiefly aim at promoting thy Glory; either to ſoften the Pains of the Afflicted; to vindicate the Reputation of my Neighbour whenever I hear it injured; to unite the Minds of thoſe that are at Variance; or to inſtruct thoſe that know thee not enough; and to entertain all the World, O God, with thy Greatneſs, and thy Goodneſs, to

inflame all Hearts with thy Love, to provoke them to praiſe thee, to bleſs thee, to glorify thee; that I may one Day mingle my Praiſes with thoſe of thy Elect in Glory, through Jeſus Chriſt. *Amen.*

For Truſt on God.

[Duty of Man.

O Almighty Lord, who never faileſt them that truſt in thee; give me Grace, I beſeech thee, in all my Difficulties and Diſtreſſes, to have recourſe to thee, to reſt and depend on thee: Thou ſhalt keep him, O Lord, in perfect Peace, whoſe Mind is ſtaid on thee; O let me always reſt on this firm Pillar, and never exchange it for the broken Reeds of worldly Succours. Suffer not my Heart to be overcharged with the Cares of this Life; taking thought what I ſhall eat, or drink, or where-withal I ſhall be cloathed; but grant, that having by honeſt Induſtry, and the Uſe of all lawful Means, done my Part, I may chearfully commit myſelf to thy Providence, to ſupply me under all Dangers and Neceſſities, caſting all my Care upon thee; and being careful for nothing but to be of the Number of thoſe whom thou owneſt and careſt for; that ſeeking firſt thy Kingdom and the Righteouſneſs

ouſneſs thereof, all theſe outward things may be added unto me in ſuch a Meaſure as thy Wiſdom knows beſt for me: Grant this, O Lord, for Jeſus Chriſt's ſake. *Amen.*

A Prayer againſt Wrath and inordinate Anger.

[Bp. TAYLOR.

O Almighty Judge of Men and Angels, whoſe Anger is always the Miniſter of Juſtice; ſlow, but ſevere; not lightly ariſing, but falling heavily when it comes: Give to thy Servant a meek and gentle Spirit, that I alſo may be ſlow to Anger, and eaſy to Mercy and Forgiveneſs: Give me a wiſe and a patient Heart, that I may not be moved to intemperate Wrath on every trifling Miſtake, and inconſiderable Accident; but let my Anger be upon a juſt Cauſe, moderated by Reaſon, Charity, and Prudence; laſting but till it hath done ſome Good, either upon myſelf, or others.

Lord, let me be ever courteous, and eaſy to be intreated: Never let me fall into a peeviſh or contentious Spirit, but follow Peace with all Men; offering Forgiveneſs, inviting them by Courteſies, ready to confeſs my own Errors, apt to make amends, and deſirous to be reconciled.

Let

Let no Sickneſs or croſs Accident, no Employment or Wearineſs, make me angry, or ungentle and diſcontent, or unthankful, or uneaſy to them that miniſter to me: But in all things make me like unto the holy Jeſus. Give me the Spirit of a Chriſtian, charitable, humble, merciful, and meek, uſeful, and liberal; complying with every Chance; angry at nothing but my own Sins, and grieving for the Sins of others; that while my Paſſion obeys my Reaſon, and my Reaſon is religious, and my Religion is pure and undefiled, managed with Humility, and adorned with Charity, I may eſcape thy Anger which I have deſerved, and may dwell in Love, and be thy Son and Servant for ever, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

A Prayer for a meek and quiet Spirit.

[New Manual.

O Bleſſed Lord God, thou moſt compaſſionate Lover of Souls! Look with thy tendereſt Pity upon me, a weak and frail Creature; and for the Sake and Merits of my bleſſed Saviour, pardon and forgive all that Sin and Folly that my Paſſions have betrayed me to; and I beg of thee, O merciful Father, to give me a meek and quiet Spirit,

Spirit, a patient and forgiving Temper; an humble, charitable, and Chriſtian Diſpoſition; that my Mind may at all times be quiet and eaſy, my Carriage gentle, kind, and obliging to all Men, and the whole Conduct and Deportment of my Life, ſuch as becomes the Servant of the meek and bleſſed Jeſus.

Convince me throughly, O Lord, of the great Folly of Paſſion and Anger; how contrary it is to the Spirit of thy moſt holy Religion, which commands us to put away all Bitterneſs, and Wrath, and Anger; what an Enemy it is to our preſent Happineſs, and how much it unfits us for the Duties which we owe to thee, our Neighbour, and our ſelves.

Let the Example of my bleſſed Saviour be powerfully preſent to my Mind, and inſpire me with an humble, charitable, and forgiving Temper. Let me conſider, with what Meekneſs and Patience he endured the Contradictions of Sinners, and the Inſults and Reproaches of wicked and unreaſonable Men; that like him, I may be meek and lowly of Heart, and find that Reſt unto my Soul, which he has promiſed to thoſe that will be taught of him.

Take away from me, O Lord, the Spirit of this World, and fill me with that Spirit of Love and Charity, that ſuffereth long,

long, and is kind; that beareth all things, and is not eaſily provoked; that being full of that Peace of God which paſſes all Underſtanding, I may live with Comfort, and die with Joy, and may hereafter dwell in thoſe peaceful Regions of everlaſting Bliſs, where thou, O bleſſed Jeſus, who art the Prince of Peace, liveſt and reigneſt with the Father, and the Holy Ghoſt, one God, World without End. *Amen.*

For the Love of God.

[Duty of Man. Mr. KETTLEWELL.

O Holy and gracious Lord, who art infinitely excellent in thyſelf, and bountiful and compaſſionate towards me; I beſeech thee ſuffer not my Heart to be ſo hardned through the Deceitfulneſs of Sin, as to reſiſt ſuch Charms of Love, but let them make deep and laſting Impreſſions on my Soul. Lord, thou art pleaſed to require my Heart, and thou only haſt a Right to it. O let me not be ſo ſacrilegiouſly unjuſt as to alienate any Part of it, but enable me to render it up whole and entire to thee. Refine it with that purifying Fire of thy Love, that it may be a fit Habitation for thy Spirit. Lord, if thou ſee it fit, be pleaſed to let me taſte of thoſe Joys, thoſe Raviſh-

Raviſhments of thy Love, wherewith thy Saints have been ſo tranſported. Would I had the Heart of a Seraphim, that I might be all over Love, and feel my Soul affected to that Degree which I deſire, and thou infinitely deſerveſt of me: I wiſh no greater Pleaſure than to be found perfect in thy Love, and to have thee ſo dear to me, that I may contemn all the gilded Vanities and Allurements of this World at the Thoughts of it. O! that thou wouldeſt fill me, if that might be, with an Affection full and abſolute, like thy own, that ſo I might love thee infinitely, as I am beloved by thee. But if in this, I know not what I aſk, yet, O Lord, give me ſuch a fervent, perfect, and ſincere Love of thee, as may caſt all Fear and Sloth out of my Heart, that nothing may ſeem to me too grievous to ſuffer for thy Sake, or too difficult to do in Obedience to thee; that ſo expreſſing my Love to thee, by keeping thy Commandments, I may by thy Mercy at laſt obtain that Crown of Life, which thou haſt promiſed to thoſe that love thee, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

For

For the Love of our Neighbour.

[Mr. Nelson.

GRACIOUS God! who art good, and doſt good, who extendeſt thy loving Kindneſs to all Mankind; ſuffer me to exclude none, O Lord, from my Charity, who are the Objects of thy Mercy and Tenderneſs, but let me treat all my Neighbours with that Love and Good-will which is due to thy Servants and Children. Thou haſt required this Mark of our Love to thee: Oh! let no Temptation expoſe me to Ingratitude, or make me forfeit thy loving Kindneſs, which is better than Life itſelf; but grant that I may aſſiſt all my Brethren with Prayers and good Wiſhes, where I cannot reach them by actual Services. Make me ready to embrace all Occaſions that may adminiſter to their Happineſs; by aſſiſting the Needy, protecting the Oppreſſed; inſtructing the Ignorant, reproving the Wicked and Prophane. Grant that I may look upon the Defects and Frailties of my Neighbour, as if they were my own; that I may conceal them; that making thy Love to me, O bleſſed Jeſus, the Pattern of my Love to them; I may above all things endeavour to promote their eternal Welfare.

Thou

Thou thoughteſt nothing too dear to part with, to reſcue me from eternal Miſery; Oh! let me think nothing too dear to part with to ſet forward the everlaſting Good of my Fellow-Chriſtians: They are Members of thy Body, therefore I will cheriſh them; thou haſt redeemed them with an ineſtimable Price, therefore I will endeavour to recover them from a State of Deſtruction; that thus adorning thy holy Goſpel, by doing Good according to my Power and Capacity, I may at laſt be received into the Endearments of thy eternal Love, and ſing everlaſting Praiſes to the Lamb that was ſlain, and ſitteth upon the Throne. *Amen, Amen.*

For Perſeverance and Growth in Grace.

[Duty of Man. New Manual. Dr. Scott.

O Eternal and unchangeable Lord God, who art the ſame Yeſterday and to Day, and for ever; be thou pleaſed to communicate ſome ſmall Ray of that Excellence, ſome Degree of that Stability to me thy wretched Creature, who am light and unconſtant. O ſtrengthen and confirm me by thy Grace, and whatever good Work thou haſt wrought in me, be pleaſed to accompliſh and perfect it until the Day of Chriſt. Lord, thou ſeeſt my Weakneſs, and

thou

thou knoweſt the Number and Strength of thoſe Temptations I have to ſtruggle with. O leave me not to myſelf, but cover thou my head in the Day of Battle, and in all ſpiritual Combats make me more than Conqueror, through him that loved me.

Let neither Hopes nor Fears, neither Pleaſure nor Profit, be ever able to draw me from my Obedience to thy Commandments, but enable me ſucceſsfully to encounter the Enemies of my Salvation, and with undaunted Courage and Reſolution, to perſevere in my Duty, and bear up under all Trials and Difficulties which I ſhall meet with, in my Chriſtian Warfare.

Endue me, O Lord, with a true Fear and Love of thee, and an hearty Zeal for thy Glory. Encreaſe in me, more and more, the Graces of Charity and Meekneſs, of Truth, Juſtice, and Fidelity; of Humility and Patience; of Purity and Holineſs; and with all thoſe holy and Chriſtian Diſpoſitions, that thou loveſt and delighteſt in; and with ſuch a ſtedfaſt and unmoveable Spirit, in the Ways of Truth and Virtue, that no worldly Intereſt or Advantage, how promiſing or great ſoever, may be ever able to ſhake my Integrity; but that thy Honour and Glory may be ever dearer to me, than my own Will or Reputation, or any temporal Advantage whatſoever: That my whole Life may be one continued Act of an humble

humble and dutiful Obedience to thy divine Laws and Commandments; and my Converſation always ſuch as becomes the Goſpel of Chriſt.

That ſo by continuing ſtedfaſt, unmoveable, always abounding in the Work of the Lord, and being faithful unto Death, I may at laſt obtain that Crown of Righteouſneſs, which thou haſt promiſed to them, who by patient Continuance in Well-doing, ſeek for Glory, and Honour, and Immortality, through the Merits and for the Sake of thy bleſſed Son Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

Moſt gracious and merciful God; grant that I may do all the Good, and acquire all the Degrees of Virtue, that are within my Power; that ſo founding my Content upon thee, and the bleſſed Intereſt of a virtuous Life, I may grow in Grace, and be rich in good Works, and go on with a ſatisfied and triumphant Spirit, from Imperfection to Strength, from Acts to Habits, and from Habits to Confirmation in Grace; and may be ſtill more and more confirmed in all the heavenly Graces, till they are finally conſummated into everlaſting Glory. Hear me, O my God, in this, and whatever elſe thou knoweſt to be needful to ſecure my Perſeverance in the Faith and Obedience of thy Goſpel, and the Salvation of my immortal Soul, I humbly beg, for Jeſus Chriſt's Sake. *Amen.*

PRAYERS

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THANKSGIVINGS
To be uſed at
NOON,
OR
Any other Time of Retirement.

In the Primitive Church *there were, beſides Morning and Night, four other Times every Day, which were called* Hours of Prayer, *and the Zeal of thoſe firſt Chriſtians was ſuch as made them conſtantly obſerved; this pious Example, it is much to be wiſhed, that all thoſe, who are not by any neceſſary Buſineſs prevented, would conſtantly imitate; and that none may be to ſeek, how to exerciſe their Devotion at ſuch Times, I have added the following Collection of* Prayers and Thankſgivings, *out of which the devout Chriſtian may ſelect, for his preſent Uſe, what beſt ſuits the Wants and Neceſſities of his Soul.*

A Prayer for Univerſal Obedience to all the Laws of the Goſpel.

[*The following Prayer has been printed and diſperſed in ſeveral Cities of* Germany, *by Order of their Supreme Magiſtrates.* 1734.

The Prayer of his Serene Highneſs Prince Eugene, *Generaliſſimo of his Imperial Majeſty's Forces on the* Rhine, *which he daily uſed.*]

I Believe in thee, O my God! Do thou ſtrengthen my Faith; I hope in thee, confirm my Hopes: I love thee, inflame my Love more and more: I repent of all my Sins, do thou increaſe my Repentance! As my firſt Beginning I worſhip thee, as my laſt End I long for thee: As my eternal Benefactor I praiſe thee, and as my ſupreme Protector I pray unto thee.

That it may pleaſe thee, O Lord, to guide and lead me by thy Providence. To keep me in Obedience by thy Juſtice, to comfort me by thy Mercy, and to protect me by thy Almighty Power.

I ſubmit unto thee all my Thoughts, Words and Deeds, as well as my Afflictions, Pains,

Pains, and Sufferings; and I deſire to have thee always in my Mind, to do all my Works in thy Name, and for thy Sake to bear all Adverſity with Patience.

I will nothing, but what thou wilt, O God, becauſe it is agreeable unto thee. O give me Grace, that I may be attentive in my Prayer, temperate in my Diet, vigilant in my Conduct, and unmoveable in all good Purpoſes.

Grant, moſt merciful Lord, that I may be true and faithful to thoſe that have intruſted me with their Secrets; that I may be courteous and kind towards all Men, and that both in my Words and Actions I may ſhew unto them a good Example.

Diſpoſe my Heart to admire and praiſe thy Goodneſs, to hate all Errors and evil Works, to love my Neighbour, and to deſpiſe the World.

Aſſiſt me, good God, in ſubduing Luſt by Mortification, Covetouſneſs by Liberality, Anger by Mildneſs, and Lukewarmneſs by Zeal and Fervency.

Enable me to conduct myſelf with Prudence in all Tranſactions, and to ſhew Courage in Danger, Patience in Adverſity, and in Proſperity an humble Mind.

Let thy Grace illuminate my Underſtanding, direct my Will, ſanctify my Body, and bleſs my Soul.

Make

Make me diligent in curbing all irregular Affections, zealous in imploring thy Grace, careful in keeping thy Commandments, and conſtant in working out my own Salvation.

Finally, O God, make me ſenſible how little is this World. How great thy Heavens, how ſhort Time, and how long will be the bleſſed Eternity.

O that I may well prepare myſelf for Death! That I may dread thy Judgments: That I may avoid the Torments of Hell, and obtain of thee, O God! eternal Life, thro' the Merits of Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Heavenly Mindedneſs and Purity of Heart.

[Mr. SPINCKES, Mr. NORRIS, New Manual.

O Lord the Centre and Fountain of all Happineſs; grant I may be throughly convinced how inſufficient all created Good is towards true Happineſs; that I may keep my Eyes ſo intent upon Heaven and the Glory that ſhall be revealed, as not to regard either the Enjoyments or the Sufferings of this preſent time, nor be moved by the Pleaſures or Profits of Sin, to tranſgreſs thy holy Commandments; but enable me, O my God, to ſuppreſs all worldly Paſſions

and Inclinations, all my ſenſual Appetites, and inordinate Affections, till they ceaſe to crave any longer; and do thou reform whatever thou ſeeſt amiſs in the Temper and Diſpoſition of my Mind, or in any of the Actions of my Life. And that I may be crucified to the World, and the World crucified to me; turn my irregular Paſſions into an earneſt Purſuit after thy Love, my vicious Appetites into pure and inflamed Deſires; and my wilful Obſtinacy into an humble and ſubmiſſive Temper, that my Heart being cleanſed from all its Corruptions, it may be filled with the Graces of thy Holy Spirit, and become a Holy Temple conſecrated unto thee, and wholly devoted to thy Service: That I may make it my Buſineſs and Satisfaction to pleaſe and ſerve God with an uninterrupted Obedience, however the World goes, or whatever the World ſays or thinks of me: That ſo my elevated Mind may be wrought up not only to a Contempt, but even to a Forgetfulneſs of the little Earth upon which I dwell; and that nothing but my Body may be detained any longer in this Valley of Miſery here below; but that my Soul and all its Faculties may love, admire, adore, praiſe, imitate, delight, and be raviſhed with thee alone, and depend upon thee entirely for my Happineſs. Seize my Heart, O God,

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for thyſelf, and refuſe not to place thy Throne in it, and ſubject all its Inclinations to thyſelf, that nothing may ever ariſe in it that is not according to thy Will, and tends not to promote thy Glory. That by practiſing the Way of ſeparate Spirits beforehand, by being as intellectual as I can, I may be ever aſcending up to thee, in devout Breathings, and pious Aſpirations, till at length I aſcend in Spirit to the Element of Love, where I ſhall know thee more clearly, and love thee more ſeraphically, and receive thoſe peculiar Coronets of Glory thou haſt reſerved for them that eminently love thee, thro' the Merits and Mediation of Jeſus Chriſt my bleſſed Saviour and Redeemer. *Amen.*

A Prayer for ſuch a lively Senſe of God's Excellency and Goodneſs, as may excite in us an earneſt Deſire to pleaſe him, and to be made like unto him.

[Mr. Hele, &c.

O Moſt bleſſed and gracious God! The Father of Mercies and Fountain of Happineſs! In whoſe Preſence is Fulneſs of Joy, and at whoſe right Hand are Pleaſures for evermore! Inſpire me, I beſeech thee, with ſuch a lively Senſe of thy infinite Excellency and Goodneſs, and with ſuch a ve-

hement Deſire of that eternal Weight of Glory which thou haſt promiſed to all thoſe that love and obey thee, as may every Day more and more raiſe and improve my Love of thee, and diſpoſe me more chearfully to run the Way of thy Commandments; and to be holy as thou art holy, in all manner of Converſation.

Vouchſafe, O my God, to repreſent thyſelf, and all the glorious Excellencies of thy Nature, and all the aſtoniſhing Teſtimonies of thy Love, ſo powerfully to my Soul, that I may ſeriouſly reverence thee, ſincerely obey thee, in every thing, unfeignedly love thee, truſt in thee heartily, adhere to thee conſtantly, worthily praiſe thee, rejoice in thee inceſſantly, hunger and thirſt perpetually after thee, and ſerve thee devoutly (with all my Strength and Might) all the Days of my Life. That ſo my Soul may be as full of Love and Duty to thee, as it can hold.

To this End, fix my Thoughts, my Hopes, and my Affections, upon Heaven and heavenly Things. Engage all the Powers and Faculties of my Soul to ſeek, love and delight in thee alone; and to endeavour (as much as is poſſible) to be like thee in all the imitable Perfections of thy Nature. Make my Heart the Seat of Prayer and holy Meditation; and my Body a fit Temple for thy

thy Holy Spirit to dwell in, that the one being inured to ſpiritual Objects, and the other continually exerciſed to Godlineſs, I may more and more encreaſe in all Chriſtian Virtues, till I come to thine everlaſting Kingdom, and be prepared both in Body and Soul to paſs Eternity in the Contemplation of thy glorious Excellencies; thro' Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. Who with thee, and the Holy Ghoſt, liveth and reigneth one God, World without end. *Amen.*

A Prayer for imitating the holy Life and Example of Chriſt.

[Bp KENN, &c.

ALmighty God, who haſt given thine only Son to be unto us both a Sacrifice for Sin, and alſo an Example of Godly Life; give me Grace to imitate his profound Humility, unwearied Patience, Lamb-like Meekneſs, immaculate Innocence, invincible Courage, abſolute Reſignation, compaſſionate Love of Souls, and perfect Charity to his Enemies.

And grant I may do thy Will with the like Chearfulneſs, Zeal, Conſtancy, Patience, and Perſeverance that he did. That my Soul being wholly devoted to thy Service, thou mayeſt fix thy Throne immovable there, and ſet all my Affections on fire, that

my Heart may be a continual Sacrifice of Love offered up to thee, and the Flame may be ever aſpiring towards thee, and conforming me to thy divine Image, that the more I grow like thee the more I may love thee, and the more I may be loved by thee. Make me like thy own ſelf, all Meekneſs and Benignity, all Goodneſs and Sweetneſs, all Gentleneſs and Long-ſuffering, ready to ſuccour and relieve, comfort and reſcue, and pray for all, whom thy Love or their own Neceſſities, or Miſeries, or Dangers, recommend to my Charity. Make me peaceable and reconcilable, always ready to return Good for Evil, to repay Injuries with Kindneſs, and eaſy to forgive. Give me a compaſſionate Zeal to ſave the Life, the eternal Life of Souls, and by fraternal, and affectionate and ſeaſonable Advice, to reclaim the Wicked, and win them to love thee.

O Jeſu, thou art all Love; O tendereſt, O ſweeteſt, O pureſt, O deareſt Love, ſoften, ſweeten, refine, love me into all Love like thee! That I may ever be ſeeking Occaſions to excite all I can, to adore and love thee. O my God, let thy all-powerful Love abound in my Heart, and in the Hearts of all that profeſs thy Name, that in all theſe, and in all other poſſible Inſtances of Duty, my Life may be continually employed to praiſe, and to love thee, and for thy Sake to love

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my Neighbour. And make me univerſally helpful and obliging, and loving to all Mankind; that my Love at laſt may aſcend to the Regions of Love, where I ſhall have nothing to do, to all Eternity, but to praiſe and to love thee; and where thou wilt eternally breathe Love into me, and where my Love to thee will be eternally increaſing, and tending towards infinite. Grant this, O heavenly Father, for the Merits and Sufferings, and Love of the Son of thy Love, in whom thou art always infinitely pleaſed. *Amen.* O infinite Love, *Amen, Amen.*

A Prayer for Chriſtian Perfection.

[Bp KENN. Bp BEVERIDGE, *&c.*

ALmighty Saviour, unto whom all Hearts be open, all Deſires known, and from whom no Secrets are hid, cleanſe the Thoughts of my Heart by the Inſpirations of thy Holy Spirit, that I may love thee above all things. Transform me into thy Likeneſs, that I may all my Life-long imitate thy perfect Obedience, unſpotted Holineſs, unchangeable Reſolution, univerſal Charity, uninterrupted Devotion, Contempt of the World, Heavenly-mindedneſs, gracious Condeſcenſion. Engage all the Powers and Faculties of my Soul to take the greateſt Delight in thee, and to be always flaming up

to Heaven in ardent and fervent Deſires to pleaſe and honour thee in this Life, and to enjoy thee for ever. Let me always prefer the leaſt Duty before the greateſt Gain, and the greateſt Sufferings before the leaſt Sin; ſo as to be ready to do or ſuffer any thing thou requireſt of me, with the greateſt Willingneſs, Alacrity, and Patience; that making God my only Fear and Dread, and always placing my whole Truſt and Confidence on him, I may continually rejoice in him, whether I have any thing elſe to rejoice in. Give me Grace, O merciful God, to ſtudy and endeavour all the Ways imaginable to do all the good I can, ſo as to be always employed with Zeal and Diligence, in doing not only ſome, but all ſorts of good Works; preſſing with undaunted Courage and Reſolution thro' all Difficulties, and continuing ſtedfaſt in the Faith, devout and conſtant in thy Service, zealous for thy Glory, meek and humble, chaſte and ſober, kind and gentle, true and juſt, charitable, and void of Offence, both towards God and Man. That obeying thy bleſſed Will in every thing, I may taſte and ſee how gracious thou art, that all things beſides thee may be taſtleſs to me, that my Deſires may always fly up towards thee; that I may render the Love, and Praiſe, and Obedience, pure and chearful, conſtant and zealous, univerſal and uniform,

form, like that the holy Angels, and beatified Spirits render thee in Heaven; that being qualified in the Temper and Diſpoſition of my Mind to keep them Company, I may inherit thoſe Promiſes they are made Partakers of, thro' the Merits of Jeſus Chriſt our Lord, whom I adore, whom I love and deſire I may ſtill more and more love, and love for ever. *Amen.*

A Prayer for the doing God's Will on Earth, as it is done in Heaven.

[Mr. Nelson.

BLeſſed God, whoſe Throne is incircled with Myriads of glorious Spirits, who veil their Faces as not being able to behold the Brightneſs of thy Majeſty, and who delight in their Attendance upon thoſe Miniſtries whereunto thou haſt appointed them. I thy unworthy Creature proſtrate myſelf in all Humility at thy Footſtool, beſeeching thee to give me Grace to do thy Will on Earth, with the ſame Diligence and Induſtry, with the ſame Zeal and Chearfulneſs, as thy bleſſed Angels do it in Heaven; that imitating their exemplary Obedience, conſtant Devotion, profound Humility, unſpotted Purity, and extenſive Charity, I may engage their Protection in all my Neceſſities; and may particularly enjoy the

Advantage of their Aſſiſtance in my laſt Hour, in that diſmal Conflict with Death and the Powers of Darkneſs; and being by them conducted to the Manſions of Glory, may be advanced to a more intimate and happy Society with them in the Life to come, thro' Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

A Prayer for a Spirit of true Holineſs.

[Dr. Hornbeck, Mr. Nelson.

MOST gracious God, from whom every good and perfect Gift proceedeth, I humbly beſeech thee to purify my Intentions, to rectify my Deſigns, and to give me a right Judgment in all Things. Enable me, O my God, to pleaſe, obey, and glorify thee, in every thing I think, or ſpeak, or do, that the Spirit of Glory, and of Chriſt may reſt upon me. I cannot have a better Example than thyſelf; O make me a Partaker of thy divine Nature. Give me a holy Ambition to be like thee. Make me merciful, as my Father in Heaven is merciful. O let that Mind be in me, which was alſo in Chriſt Jeſus. O Jeſu attract my Soul with thy Beauty; teach me to tread in thy Steps; let thy Example be ever before me; and where-ever I am, let me do nothing unworthy of it. Tranſcribe thy Graces

Graces on my Soul, and Life, that my Converſation may ſhew that I am thy Diſciple indeed, reſolved to live and die, and riſe, with thee to eternal Glory. Lord let Meekneſs, Humility, Charity and Chaſtity, and all the Graces of the Holy Ghoſt become natural to me! O that they were incorporated with my Temper! O that they were ſo riveted into my Soul, that I might not be able to act contrary to them! O let true Holineſs become ſweet, the Light of thy Countenance pleaſant, and the Influences of thy Grace raviſhing to my Soul. Set up thy Kingdom, O Jeſus, in my Heart! for to become thy faithful Servant, is more to me than to have the Empire of this World; keep me ſtedfaſt, O Lord, in ſerving thee, till thou takeſt me finally to enjoy thee, thro' Jeſus Chriſt, my bleſſed Saviour and Redeemer. *Amen.*

A Prayer for the divine Protection.

[Arch-Bp Laud, *&c.*

I Humbly beſeech thee, O gracious Father, to be preſent with me in all my Ways, throughout the whole Courſe of my Life. Suffer no Malice to be able to hurt, no Cunning to circumvent me, no Violence to oppreſs me, no Falſhood to betray me. That which I cannot foreſee, do thou pre-

vent; that which I cannot withſtand, do thou maſter; that which I do not fear, do thou unmaſk and fruſtrate; that being preſerv'd from, or deliver'd out of all Dangers, both of Soul and Body, I may in both glorify thee our only Helper and Deliverer; and may make it the Work of my whole Life to obey thee, the Joy of my Soul to pleaſe thee, the Satisfaction of my Hopes, and the Perfection of my Deſires, to do all the Good, and acquire all the Degrees of Virtue, that are within my Power; that living a Life of Grace here, I may become a living Temple, ſanctified and devoted to thy Honour and Service, and be made an Inheritor of eternal Glory in the World to come, thro' Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

A Prayer for a right Uſe of Time.

[Mr. Nelson.

ALmighty God, I adore thy infinite Patience, which hath not cut me off in the midſt of my Follies; I magnify thy wonderful Goodneſs, which hath ſpared me thus long, and indulged me a larger Time of Repentance. Let me no longer abuſe that precious Treaſure, which thou haſt allotted me, as a proper Seaſon to work out my own Salvation. Let me bid adieu to all thoſe vain Amuſements, thoſe trifling Entertain-

Entertainments, and cruel Diverſions, which have robbed me of many valuable Hours, and have endangered the Loſs of my immortal Soul. Let me no longer waſte my Time in Eaſe and Pleaſure; in unprofitable Studies, and more unprofitable Converſation; but grant that by Diligence and Honeſty in my Calling, by Conſtancy and Fervour in my Devotions, by Moderation and Temperance in my Enjoyments, by Juſtice and Charity in all my Words and Actions, and by keeping a Conſcience void of Offence towards God and Man, I may be able to give a good Account of it in the Day of Judgment; and be accepted in and thro' the Merits of Jeſus Chriſt my only Mediator and Advocate.

A Prayer for the Care of our Souls.

[Mr. Nelson, &c.

GRANT, O Lord, that I may above all things apprehend the Loſs of my Soul, which tho' it cannot ceaſe to be, may ſink into an irrecoverable State of Miſery. Let not therefore the Charms and Flatteries of this World diſſolve me into Luxury and Senſuality. Let not the Terrors or Torment that wicked Men can inflict, ſhake my Conſtancy, or interrupt my Perſeverance in the Ways

Ways of thy Commandments. Let me never venture the Loſs of my Soul to gain the Pleaſures, or to avoid the Sufferings of this Life. I renounce, O Lord, whatever muſt be purchaſed at the Forfeiture of thy Favour, which is better than Life; and I am reſolved to ſacrifice the Eaſe, and Pleaſure, and Comforts of temporal Enjoyments, rather than offend thee. Make me always mindful of my own Frailty, and of the Shortneſs and Uncertainty of this Life, and of the Eternity of the next. Make me careful ſo to live, as I ſhall wiſh I had done when I come to die. To this end, endue me with ſuch an humble and contented Mind, ſuch a meek, pure and reſigned Spirit, ſuch a quiet and peaceable Temper and Behaviour, as become a Chriſtian. And do thou, O Lord, eſtabliſh thy Throne, and rule for ever in my Soul: That ſo my Life may be holy, my Death comfortable, my Reſurrection joyful, and my eternal State glorious. Let this Proſpect keep me ſtedfaſt and immoveable, always abounding in the Work of the Lord, foraſmuch as I know my Labour ſhall not be in vain in the Lord. *Amen.*

A Prayer for the pious and profitable Use of the Holy Scriptures.

[Idem.

ALmighty God, who of thy infinite Love to Mankind, haſt been graciouſly pleaſed to reveal to us in the holy Scriptures, whatever is neceſſary for us to believe and practiſe, in order to our eternal Salvation; grant that I may, with faithful Care and Diligence, apply myſelf to the Reading of thoſe ſacred Volumes; and do thou open my Eyes, I beſeech thee, that I may ſee the wondrous Things of thy Law. Diſpoſe me by thy Grace, to peruſe them with that Reverence and Reſpect, which are due to thy gracious Manifeſtations; with an entire Submiſſion of my Underſtanding to thy divine Authority, and with a ſincere and ſtedfaſt Reſolution of Mind, to govern my Life by the Maxims of thy Goſpel, and to do and ſuffer thy bleſſed Will in every thing.

Let thy precious Promiſes quicken my Obedience, and make me fruitful and abounding in the Work of the Lord. And let thy dreadful Threatnings poſſeſs my Soul with an awful Fear of diſpleaſing thee, and make me ſpeedily to depart from all Iniquity.

O thou, from whom is all our Sufficiency, and who workeſt in us, to will and to do of thy good Pleaſure! Teach me to obey all thy Commandments, to believe all thy Revelations, and make me Partaker of all thy gracious Promiſes, thro' Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

A Thankſgiving to God for the Revelation of the Goſpel; and a Prayer for an effectual Belief of the Chriſtian Religion.

[Idem.

MOST gracious God, with all Joy and Thankfulneſs, I adore thy infinite Goodneſs manifeſted to the Children of Men in the Revelation of thy holy Goſpel. Bleſſed be thy great Love and Compaſſion which took Pity upon us, when by wilful Tranſgreſſions we had loſt ourſelves, and didſt ſend thy only begotten Son into the World, that we might live thro' him. Adored be thy infinite Majeſty, which brought the joyful Sound to this Land of my Nativity, and haſt permitted it to partake of the gracious and benign Influences of thy diſtinguiſhing Providence. O may we always value ſuch an ineſtimable Benefit, by walking as Children

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of the Light, and by compaſſionating the Miſeries of thoſe that ſtill ſit in Darkneſs!

Lord, I believe, increaſe my Faith, and ſtrengthen it againſt the Weakneſs and Frailty of my own Mind; againſt the falſe Reaſonings of Scepticks and Infidels, and againſt the Pride and Preſumption of Libertines: Let no unreaſonable Prejudices cloud the Light of my Underſtanding; let no Pride and Vanity obſcure the Proofs of thy holy Revelations; let no Partiality pervert my Judgment in Matters of ſuch great Conſequence; but above all, let no unreaſonable Paſſion or ſinful Luſt corrupt my Will, and indiſpoſe me to entertain thy holy and excellent Laws; that ſeeing the Reaſonableneſs of thoſe things thou haſt required to be believed, the Perfection of thoſe Duties thou haſt enjoined to be practiſed, and the Power and Force of thoſe Motives upon which both are founded, I may be ſtedfaſt, and unmoveable, and at laſt receive the End of my Faith, even the Salvation of my Soul.

Make my Faith lively and effectual, and let the Fruits of it appear in my Life and Converſation. Extend it to all the Circumſtances of holy Obedience, that it may not only enlighten my Mind, but purify my Heart, conquer my Paſſions, and correct all thoſe falſe Maxims concerning Riches, and

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Honous, and Pleasures, which prevail in the World; and make it perfect by Charity, which is the true Character of thy Disciples; that by believing in thee, and loving thee in this Life, I may see and enjoy thee eternally in thy heavenly Kingdom, through the Merits of Jesus Christ my only Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Stedfastness in Christianity.

[Idem.

SUFFER me not, O God, to be tossed about with every Wind of Doctrine, nor to be imposed upon by the false Reasonings of cunning and subtle Men. But grant that trusting to thy holy Scriptures, as the certain Rule and Guide of my Faith, and to thy blessed Apostles, as the Planters and Propagators of it, Jesus Christ himself being the chief Corner-Stone, I may rejoice in the Light they afford, and constantly adhere to, and firmly believe, those Truths which are there revealed. That I may always adore that Divinity that was incarnate, and worship Jesus, who is God as well as Man. Let no heretical Interpretations of thy Word corrupt the Purity of my Faith, nor Pretences to superior Reason shake my Stedfastness. That so I may be preserved from

from all damnable Heresies; from those fatal and evil Consequences which attend them in this World; and from those Punishments prepared for them in the next. Grant this through the Merits of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A thankful Acknowledgment of all God's Mercies, both Temporal and Spiritual: With Prayers for Grace to make a right Use and Improvement of them.

[Mr. Hele, &c.

ALMIGHTY and eternal Lord God, and most merciful Father! I prostrate myself now before thee, in a most humble and thankful Acknowledgment of thy unspeakable Mercy and Goodness to me thy sinful Creature, and most unprofitable Servant.

Blessed be thy great and glorious Name, for creating me after thy own Image, and giving me a Nature capable of everlasting Happiness: For my Reason and Understanding; my Senses, Memory, Speech, and all other Abilities of Mind and Body.

Lord, give me Grace to live suitably to the Dignity of my Nature; and to answer the End of my Creation, by making a right

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Uſe and Improvement of all the Faculties thou haſt endued me withal, to thy Glory, my own Good, and the Benefit of others.

Bleſſed be thy Name, O God, that I was born of Chriſtian Parents, and initiated into the pureſt Part of thy Catholick Church by Baptiſm, for thy bringing me to the Knowledge of thee the only true God, and of Jeſus Chriſt thy Son our Lord.

Make me throughly ſenſible, I beſeech thee, of the ineſtimable Privileges my Baptiſm entitles me to: And grant me Grace to give all Diligence to make my Calling and Election ſure, and to walk worthy of my holy Profeſſion.

I bleſs thee, O Lord, for thy unwearied Patience towards me, after ſo many, and ſo great Provocations, and for thy merciful Preſervation of me from innumerable Dangers, through the whole Courſe of my Life.

O let thy Goodneſs lead me to Repentance: and as I live by thy Mercy, let me live henceforward to the Glory of thy Grace.

I bleſs thee, O my God, for ſupporting me under diverſe Temptations; and for preſerving me from many which would have been too hard for me, if thy Grace had not prevented them, and kept me from falling into them.

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This, O Lord, I acknowledge to be one of the greateſt Bleſſings of my Life; for which I deſire continually to praiſe and magnify thy holy Name.

O Lord God, I bleſs thee, for the continual and bountiful Support of thy Providence, in affording me ſo plentifully all things needful to make my Paſſage through this World eaſy and comfortable to me; for that Meaſure of Health which I have enjoyed: For any Degree of Reputation in the World: For the Friends and Benefactors thou haſt raiſed me up: And eſpecially for the Opportunities thou giveſt me of being inſtrumental to thy Glory, and the Good of my Fellow-Creatures.

O make me ever mindful of the ſtrict Account I muſt one Day give at thy dreadful Tribunal; and help me ſo diligently to improve all theſe bleſſed Advantages, that I may give up my Account with Joy, and receive the Reward of a good and faithful Servant.

All Love, all Glory be to thee, O my God, for all the gracious Methods of thy Goodneſs, to reclaim me from the Ways of Sin and Vanity, and to bring me to a Senſe of my Dependence and Duty; even for all the Chaſtiſements of thy fatherly Hand, all the Troubles and Afflictions of my Life.

Sanctify,

Sanctify, I beſeech thee, all thy Corrections to the Good of my Soul, and make them effectual to wean my Heart from the World; to refine and purify my Affections; and to root out the Remains of all ſinful Habits; that ſo I may be found of thee in the laſt Day, without Spot, and blameleſs, [made perfect through Sufferings] and meet to be a Partaker of the Inheritance of thy Saints in Light.

But above all, I bleſs and adore thy tender Love and Compaſſion to me, and all Mankind, in the Redemption of the World, by the Death and Paſſion of our Saviour Chriſt, both God and Man, who humbled himſelf even to Death upon the Croſs, for us miſerable Sinners; that he might make us the Children of God, and exalt us into everlaſting Life.

Accept, I humbly pray thee, of the Expiation which he hath made for all my Tranſgreſſions, by the Sacrifice of himſelf: And grant me ſuch a Senſe of my Sins, and of the Sufferings of my bleſſed Saviour for them, as may affect my Heart with a deep Sorrow and Contrition for the unworthy Returns I have made to his infinite Love, and engage me to dedicate myſelf entirely, and for ever, to the Service of my moſt gracious Redeemer, who loved me, and waſhed me from my Sins, in his own Blood.

I bleſs

I bless thee also, O God, and give thee most hearty Thanks for the exceeding great Love of our Master and only Saviour Jesus Christ, as in dying for us, so in instituting and ordaining holy Mysteries as Pledges of his Love, and for a continual Remembrance of his Death, to our great and endless Comfort.

Grant, I humbly pray thee, that as often as I eat of that Bread, and drink of that Cup, I may worthily commemorate, and effectually partake of all the Benefits of his most precious Death and Passion.

All Praise and Thanksgiving be rendered unto thee, O gracious Lord, for the inestimable Advantages of thy divine Revelations; that thou hast not abandoned us to the dim Light of our own Reason, but hast given us thy holy Scriptures, to instruct us in all that is necessary for us to believe and practise, in order to our eternal Salvation.

Grant, O Lord, that I may give a constant Attendance to the reading of thy holy Word, and make thy Statutes my Study and my Delight; that the Reasonableness of thy Precepts may influence my Understanding, and the Excellency of them inflame my Affections; and that I may so conform myself to the Methods and Means of thy Grace in this World, that I may be qualified for the Manifestations of thy Glory in the next.

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Finally, O Lord, I unfeignedly bleſs thee for all the gracious Communications of thy Spirit, whereby thou haſt excited in my Heart any good Deſires, or enabled me to act agreeably to thy Will.

Teach me thy Way, O Lord, and ſhew me thy Paths, and I will walk in thy Truth: O knit my Heart unto thee, that I may fear thy Name. For thou, O Lord God, art the thing that I long for: Thou art my Hope, even from my Youth. By thee have I been holden up from the Womb, my Praiſe ſhall be always of thee.

I will love thee, O Lord my Strength; every Day will I give Thanks unto thee, and praiſe thy Name for ever and ever.

Thou art my God, and I will thank thee, thou art my God and I will praiſe thee, I will give Thanks unto thee with my whole Heart, and all that is within me ſhall praiſe thy Holy Name. I will ſpeak of all thy marvellous Works; yea my Songs will I make of thy Name, O thou moſt Higheſt.

While I live, my Soul ſhall bleſs thee: As long as I have my Being I will ſhew forth thy noble Acts, and ſing Praiſes unto thy Name; my Joy ſhall be in the Lord. With my Mouth will I ever be ſhewing thy Truth from one Generation to another, praiſe thou the Lord, O my Soul, praiſe the Lord for all his Benefits.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

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AN OFFICE FOR THE Holy Communion.

A Prayer for the due Celebration of the Chriſtian Sacrifice; which may be uſed at any Time in the Week, before the Sunday on which we deſign to communicate.

[Bp. KENN, New Manual, &c.

MOST gracious and merciful God, I humbly beſeech thee, for the Merits of thy Death, to give me true Repentance, the Pardon of all my Sins, a clean Conſcience, and a pure Soul, without Spot, and blameleſs. And enable me by the Power and Strength of this divine Food, to avoid all Sin as the greateſt Evil for the time to come, to pay a ſincere Obedience to all thy Laws, to conform to thy Example, to do all the Good I can, and to acquire all the

Degrees of Virtue within my Power, and eternally to devote my Soul and Body, and all the Powers and Faculties of both, to thy Glory and Service.

I desire to come to thy Table, O Lord, out of a deep Sense of the Want I have of that spiritual Feast, to which thou there inviteſt me; I desire to come, to testify my Sense of thy Love in dying for us, my Stedfastness in the Communion of thy Church, and my Charity to all the World. I hunger and thirst after thy most blessed Body and Blood; Lord evermore give me this Bread; evermore make me a Partaker of those Benefits, which through thy Mercy, this holy Ordinance is instituted to convey. O feed, refresh, and nourish my Soul therewith unto Life everlasting.

O thou crucify'd God, thou sovereign Inflammative of Love; let the Remembrance of thy Death set all the Powers of my Soul on Work, that I may desire and pant after thee, that I may love, admire, and adore thee; that I may take heavenly Delight in thy gracious Presence; that with a penitent and believing Heart, with the profoundest Humility, and universal Charity, with Resignation, and Submission to thy blessed Will in every thing, with Praise and Thanksgiving, with the highest Transports of Zeal and Devotion, I may receive thee

into my Heart, and always entertain thee with ſuch pious, charitable, and humble Diſpoſitions, and devout Affections, as become the ſolemn Remembrance of a crucified Saviour.

That being thus prepared, O Lord, to receive this bleſſed Sacrament, I may have my Pardon ſealed, my Weakneſſes repaired, all my evil Inclinations and Paſſions ſubdued, my Faith ſtrengthened, my Hopes enlarged, my Charity, Meekneſs, Humility, and all Chriſtian Virtues, more and more encreaſed and confirmed in me; and my Soul ſo entirely and inſeparably united unto thee, that nothing may be ever able to diſſolve the Union; but that being begun here in Grace, it may hereafter be conſummated in Glory, through the Merits of him that died for me, even the Son of thy eternal Love, Jeſus Chriſt the Righteous; to whom with thee, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, be aſcribed, as is moſt due, all Honour, Glory, Power, Thankſgiving, and Praiſe, both now and for evermore. *Amen.* O crucify'd Saviour. *Amen.*

PRAYERS in the CHURCH;

Some or all of which may be uſed, as there is Opportunity; that is, as there are more or fewer to receive.

A Prayer to prepare our Minds for the devout Celebration of the Lord's Supper; that may be uſed, if time will permit, before Divine Service begins; or otherwiſe as ſoon as Sermon is ended.

[Mr. NELSON.

ALMIGHTY God, by whoſe Bounty and Goodneſs I have now an Opportunity offered me of approaching thy Table, and of pleading before thee, the prevailing Merits of the Death and Paſſion of thy Son Jeſus Chriſt. Aſſiſt me, O Lord, with thy Holy Spirit, in the great Duty and Service I am about to perform; grant that nothing, during all the time of this holy Action, may make me unmindful of that Reverence and Reſpect, which I owe unto thy

thy Divine Majeſty, or that Attention which becomes the Celebration of theſe holy Myſteries. Fill my Heart with ſuch an Awe of thy Preſence, as may fix my wandring Thoughts, compoſe my diſorderly Affections, and ſtir up my faint and cold Deſires, that I may feel the Power, and taſte the Sweetneſs of this Divine Banquet.

Grant that I may have ſuch a Senſe of my Saviour's Sufferings, as may fill my Soul with Love and Gratitude towards him, for thoſe ineſtimable Benefits he has purchaſed for me; that I may have ſuch a Sight of my Sins, which occaſioned all his Sorrows, as heartily to bewail and deteſt them; ſuch a Faith in that full, perfect Oblation and Satisfaction made upon the Croſs for the Sins of the World, that I may ſo importunately plead the Merits of it, in this Commemoration of that Sacrifice, as to render thee gracious and propitious to me, a miſerable Sinner; ſuch a Conviction of my own Weakneſs and Inſufficiency, as may procure thy precious Aid and Aſſiſtance; ſuch longing Deſires of being made conformable to thy holy Will and Pleaſure, as may transform me into thy Divine Image, and fix me to continue thy faithful Servant all the remaining Days of my Life, through the Merits of Jeſus Chriſt my Saviour. *Amen.*

A Prayer when we offer our Alms.

[Idem.

I Acknowledge, O Lord, that all I poſſeſs is the Effect of thy Bounty; it is from thee I have received it, and to thy Glory, and the Relief of the Poor, will I dedicate it. Accept of this Free-Will Offering of my Hands, as an Acknowledgment of thy Right to all I enjoy; and as a Teſtimony of that Love and Charity to my neceſſitous Brethren, which thou requireſt, and art pleaſed to take as done to thyſelf. And grant that all my Alms-Deeds may be performed with ſuch Purity of Intention, and in ſuch a Proportion, to what thou haſt given me, that they may be acceptable in thy Sight, through the Merits of Jeſus Chriſt my Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

A Prayer immediately after Conſecration.

[Idem.

ACCEPT, O eternal God, of that Repreſentation we make before thee, of that All-ſufficient Sacrifice which thy Son our Saviour Jeſus Chriſt made upon the Croſs:

Croſs: Let the Merit of it plead effectually for the Pardon and Forgiveneſs of all my Sins, and render thee favourable and propitious to me a miſerable Sinner; let the Power of it ſtrengthen my Weakneſs, and fortify me againſt all Temptations; let the Wiſdom of it enlighten my Mind, cure my Ignorance, and make me wiſe unto Salvation; and let the Peace of it reconcile me unto thee, and bring to me Peace of Conſcience.

I adore thee, O bleſſed Jeſus, my Redeemer, who didſt endure the painful and ſhameful Death of the Croſs, to recover me from a State of Sin and Miſery; I admire thy infinite Condeſcenſion, who wert pleaſed to be made miſerable, that I might be made happy; poor that I might be enriched; and didſt die, that I might live for ever. With all my Soul, O dear Jeſus, I love and praiſe thee for theſe ſtupendious Expreſſions of thy Bounty and Goodneſs towards me: O Lamb of God, that takeſt away the Sins of the World, have Mercy upon me; O Lamb of God, that takeſt away the Sins of the World, grant me thy Peace, and ſanctify my Body, Soul, and Spirit. *Amen*, Lord Jeſus, *Amen*.

A Prayer before receiving the conſecrated Elements.

[Idem.

O Moſt gracious God, who of thy infinite Goodneſs haſt given us thy Son Jeſus Chriſt, who did offer up himſelf to thee a pure and immaculate Sacrifice upon the Croſs, for us miſerable Sinners.

I moſt humbly beſeech thee, by the Merits of his Blood, the great Price of our Redemption; I intreat thee by his wonderful and ineffable Charity, wherewith he has vouchſafed to love us unworthy Creatures, at ſo great a Rate, that thou wouldſt be pleaſed to waſh me in his Blood from all my Sins, which make me unworthy to partake of theſe holy Myſteries.

Let my Repentance be hearty, and ſincere, and expreſs itſelf by all the Fruits of holy Obedience for the time to come.

Thou alone out of an unclean Thing canſt bring a clean; of a wretched Sinner, make me therefore holy and righteous.

Thou art the Fountain of Mercy, ſhut not up thy Bowels of Compaſſion towards me.

Thou art the great Phyſician of Souls, diſplay thy Power in my Health and Recovery.

Let

Let me approach thy holy Table with Reverence and Devotion, that no vile Affections may hinder me from receiving the Benefit of this Divine Nouriſhment.

Let me celebrate this Chriſtian Sacrifice with Purity of Heart, and a right Intention of Mind, that I may obtain all thoſe Advantages, for which thou waſt moſt graciouſly pleaſed to eſtabliſh it.

Let me entirely reſign my Soul and Body to be a reaſonable, holy, and lively Sacrifice unto thee; for thou haſt the juſteſt Claim to me, ſince the bleſſed Jeſus has purchaſed me at the Price of his own Blood.

Grant, O Lord, that I may conſtantly endeavour to make ſome Proficiency in all the Virtues of the Chriſtian Life, becauſe the bleſſed Jeſus has obtained for me, by the Merits of his Sufferings, the Grace and Aſſiſtance of thy Holy Spirit, to work in me both to will, and to do thy good Pleaſure.

Make me ready to be reconciled to all thoſe that have offended me; becauſe, when we were Enemies, we were reconciled to God by the Death of his Son.

Let me embrace all my poor Brethren with ſincere Love and Charity; and contribute all I can to the Relief of Chriſt's diſtreſſed Members; becauſe he thought

not his Life too dear, nor his Blood too precious to redeem me from a State of Bondage and Slavery.

Strengthen me, O Lord, in ſuch a manner, by this ſpiritual Food, that I may ſucceſsfully encounter all the Attacks of my ſpiritual Enemies.

Suppreſs in me the Spirit of Pride and Vain Glory, of Envy and Detraction, of Uncleanneſs and Intemperance, and of all Diſtruſt and Diffidence of thy Mercy.

May all Temptations to any Offences againſt thy holy Laws, be overcome by that Power which thou ſhalt be pleaſed to communicate to me in this holy Sacrament.

And may all thoſe Evils which the Craft and Subtilty of the Devil, or Man worketh againſt me, be brought to nought. That, being outwardly and inwardly fortify'd by the Aſſiſtance of thy Grace, I may preſs towards the Mark for the Prize of the high Calling of God in Chriſt Jeſus; when I ſhall enjoy thee no longer in Myſtery, which is our Lot and Portion here below, but ſee thee Face to Face, and be eternally ſatisfied with the Pleaſures of thy Kingdom, in and through the Merits of Jeſus Chriſt, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

Accept, O Lord, of my Prayers and Interceſſions, as a Teſtimony of my Charity,

rity, for all thoſe who ſhall this Day be my Companions at thy Altar, and for all others who do now communicate in any Part of Chriſtendom; that through this Blood of the Croſs, we may all be cleanſed from our Sins, and may receive Power and Strength, to perſevere in all our holy Purpoſes and Reſolutions to the End of our Days; and alſo may be endued with all Heavenly and Chriſtian Virtues, and be preſented pure, and unblameable, and unreproveable in thy Sight; for the ſake of Jeſus Chriſt.

And may the Pattern of his Piety and Devotion, of his Humility and Charity, of his Meekneſs and patient Sufferings, be ſo lively imprinted upon our Minds, that we may tranſcribe his Example in our Lives and Converſations. That thus commemorating his all-ſufficient Sacrifice upon Earth, we may receive the everlaſting Benefit of it in thy heavenly Kingdom, and bleſs and praiſe thee for it to all Eternity. *Amen.*

A Prayer juſt before receiving the conſecrated Bread.

[New Manual. Mr. Nelson.

O God, work in me whatſoever is wanting to fit me for thy Divine Acceptance, and a worthy receiving of theſe holy My-

fteries. Give me Repentance unto Life, not to be repented of: Endue me with a lively Faith, a perfect Love, and an univerſal Charity. Let me not only receive the outward and viſible Signs, but the inward and Spiritual Grace, the Body and Blood of thy Son Jeſus Chriſt, that ſo all carnal, vicious, and corrupt Habits and Affections may die in me, and that all things belonging to the Spirit may live and grow in me; that I may have Power and Strength to have Victory, and to triumph againſt the World, the Fleſh, and the Devil; and alſo may be endued with all ſuch heavenly Virtues, which are pleaſing to thee, and which thou wilt eternally reward, for the Merits of thy Son's Death.

Pity my Weakneſſes, and forgive my Infirmities, that I may worthily receive theſe Elements of Bread and Wine, to my Support and Comfort in this Life, and my eternal Happineſs in that which is to come. *Amen.*

Dear Jeſus! my Refuge and my Joy, the chief Object of my Deſires, enter into my Heart, take Poſſeſſion of it, that I may continue thine for ever, and daily encreaſe in thy holy Spirit more and more, until I come into thy everlaſting Kingdom.

After

After the Bread.

[Bp. KENN, New Manual.

O Thou crucify'd God, who vouchſafeſt to be our Food; deliver me from Sin and Death, and nouriſh my Soul to Life eternal.

Let me feed on thee by a true and lively Faith; and give me ſuch a Reliſh of this divine Food, that I may never more be delighted with the vain and ſinful Pleaſures of this World; but let my Affections be entirely fixed on thee.

O merciful Jeſu! create in me a mighty Hunger after Righteouſneſs; and let this divine Food inſtill into my weak and languiſhing Soul new Supplies of Grace, new Life, new Love, new Vigour, and new Reſolution, that I may never again faint, or droop, or tire in my Duty.

Before the Cup.

[New Manual, *&c.*

I Will receive the Cup of Salvation, and call upon the Name of the Lord.

I will ratify my Vows with this Blood of the New Covenant, and entirely and eternally

nally devote myſelf, O God, to thy Service.

Grant, O merciful God, that this Cup, which I am now about to receive, may be unto me a Cup of Bleſſing. Sprinkle me with the Blood of the ever-bleſſed Jeſus; that my Soul being cleanſed from all ſinful Affections, it may be ever precious in thy Sight, O Lord my Strength and my Redeemer.

After both.

New Manual.

BLESSED be the Name of the Lord, I have done as thou haſt commanded me, O let me find the great Benefits of this thy Divine Inſtitution: Pour down thy Graces upon me; direct my Goings in thy Ways, and enable me by the Power and Strength of this Divine Food, to perſevere in the Practice of a holy and religious Life, even to the laſt Moment of my Days. *Amen*, Lord Jeſu, *Amen*.

When

When you ariſe from the Table, with Reverence bow your Body, and ſay,

[Dr. Hickes.

O King of Glory, forgive me all I have ſinned againſt thee, and preſerve my Soul and Body blameleſs unto the coming of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt. *Amen.*

A Prayer as ſoon as we are retired from the Lord's Table.

[Bp. Kenn, Mr. Nelson, *&c.*

BLESSING and Honour, Glory and Power, be unto him that ſitteth on the Throne, and unto the Lamb that was ſlain, for ever and ever.

I give thee all poſſible Thanks and Praiſe, O Lord, that thou haſt been pleaſed to admit me to renew my Baptiſmal Covenant with thee in this holy Sacrament. O may my Soul perpetually bleſs thee, for this inеſtimable Favour, and may every Minute of my Time, and every Faculty of my Soul, and every Member of my Body, be employed in thy Service, and to thy Glory.

O that I could now give thee, O Lord, all that Praiſe, Glory and Honour, with which the Angels and bleſſed Spirits glorify thee

thee in Heaven! But becauſe I am unable to do this, accept at leaſt this my Deſire and good Will: For if I had ten thouſand Hearts to love thee, ten thouſand Tongues to praiſe thee, I would devote them all freely and chearfully to thy Glory, and Service. For thou, Lord, art my Hope, my Truſt, my Life, my Joy, my Glory, my God, my All.

May thy infinite Goodneſs and Greatneſs be for ever, by all Angels, and all Men, confeſſed, celebrated, admired, adored, loved and praiſed, both in private and publick, in our Mouths, our Lives, our Hearts and Converſations: O make the whole Creation conſpire to thy Honour and Glory, and join together in thy Praiſe; that the Kingdom of Chriſt may be extended over all the Earth; and the eternal Laws of Truth, Godlineſs, Righteouſneſs, Charity, and Sobriety, may be eſtabliſhed throughout the whole World.

Let thy dying Love, O bleſſed Jeſus, be ſo impreſs'd upon my Mind, that I may deſire to know nothing but Jeſus Chriſt, and him crucified. Oh, let this holy Flame burn ſo bright in my Soul, that I may contemn all the gilded Vanities and Allurements of the World, and that it may conſume all other Lives but thine.

Sanctify

Sanctify my Soul, O Lord, with ſincere and conſtant Obedience to all thy holy Laws: Crown what thou haſt begun, by a continual Supply of thy Heavenly Grace, that I may never forget whom, or what I have received; but being purified by thy Blood, and ſtrengthned by thy Body, againſt all future Temptations, I may conſtantly run thro' all the Parts of a holy Life, to the Poſſeſſion of thy glorious Kingdom.

Thou haſt given me thy precious Body and Blood, to be the Food of my Soul, behold I offer to thee my Body and Soul, make them fit for thy Service.

Let this divine Food repair in me whatever has been decay'd by the Luſts of the Fleſh, or the Wiles of Satan.

O let me diligently ſeek thee, my chiefeſt Good. O let me earneſtly deſire thee, a Being of all Perfection. O let me continually thirſt and pant after thee, the only Reſt and Centre of immortal Souls. *Amen.*

Grant, I beſeech thee, that this holy Sacrament may never turn to my Judgment and Condemnation:

But that it may be Health and Recovery under all my Weakneſſes and Infirmities;

Safety and Defence againſt all the Attacks of my ſpiritual Enemies;

Vigour

Vigour and Strength to all my holy Purpoſes and Reſolutions;

Comfort and Support under all the Afflictions and Calamities of Life;

Aſſiſtance and Direction under all Difficulties and Doubts;

Courage and Conſtancy under all Dangers and Perſecutions, eſpecially in Times of Sickneſs, and at the Hour of Death.

Finally, Let it procure for me Pardon and Forgiveneſs in this Life, Mercy and Favour at the Day of Judgment, and a never-fading Crown of Glory in thy heavenly Kingdom, where with thy Son Jeſus Chriſt, and the bleſſed Spirit, thou liveſt and reigneſt, one God, World without end. *Amen.*

A ſhort Prayer when the Communion Service is ended.

[Mr. Nelson.

PARDON, O God, all thoſe Imperfections that have accompanied me in the Performance of this Duty; forgive the Deadneſs and Dulneſs of my Affections, the Wandrings of my Thoughts, and the Diſtractions of my Mind.

Let the Sincerity of my holy Purpoſes and Reſolutions be accepted, notwithſtanding my Weakneſſes and Frailty.

Oh!

Oh! let this Commemoration of my crucified Saviour influence all my Thoughts, Words, and Actions, that my Converſation may be as becometh the Goſpel of Chriſt.

Reward me not according to my Deſerts, but according to my great Neceſſities, and thy own rich Mercy in Jeſus Chriſt; to whom with thee, O God the Father, and God the Holy Ghoſt, be all Honour and Glory, World without End. *Amen.*

Prayers in our Retirement after we are returned Home from the Lord's Table.

[Dr. Lake, Mr. Kittlewell, *&c.*

I Thank thee moſt entirely, O my God, for calling me this Day to thy own Table. I admire thy marvellous Love, and magnify it above all Things. Thy Praiſe ſhall ever be in my Mouth, and I will tell out thy wondrous Works with Gladneſs, and entirely devote myſelf to thy Service as long as I have any Being. And may all Hearts adore, and perpetually bleſs thee, and every Tongue confeſs, that thou, Holy Jeſu, art the Saviour of the World, and the Son of the Father, whom Heaven and Earth muſt honour, and call bleſſed for evermore.

Pardon, O good God, the Unaffectedneſs of my dull Heart, in the Receipt of ſo inеſtimable a Treaſure. O grant that my Soul may

may reliſh this divine Food, with ſpiritual Raviſhments and Love, as great as the Flame of Cherubims; and grant that what thou haſt given me for the Remiſſion of my Sins, may not by any Fault of mine, become the Increaſe of them; that this holy Communion may never turn to my Judgment and Condemnation, but may ſupport me in all Dangers, and preſerve me in every Temptation, rejoice and quiet me in every Trouble, enlighten and ſtrengthen me in every good Word and Work; comfort and defend me in the Hour of my Death, againſt all Oppoſitions of the Spirits of Darkneſs, and further me in the Attainment of everlaſting Salvation, through Jeſus Chriſt. *Amen.*

Moſt holy God, who art of purer Eyes than to behold Iniquity; grant, I pray thee, that no unclean Thing may be in me; who have now received thee into my Heart and Soul; but let this Blood of Chriſt purge my Conſcience from dead Works, to ſerve thee the living God: Give me Grace, that from henceforth I put off concerning my former Converſation the old Man, and be renewed in the Spirit of my Mind; and that I put on the new Man, which after thee is created in Righteouſneſs and true Holineſs: To which purpoſe be pleaſed to watch over me for Good, to keep me both outwardly

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in my Body, and inwardly in my Soul: O let thy holy Spirit direct me in all things, let thy Grace always prevent and follow me, and preſerve me ſtedfaſt, unmoveable, always abounding in the Work of the Lord, reſiſting the Devil, that he may flee from me; ſubduing my Fleſh, and bringing it into Subjection; crucifying and overcoming the World. And therefore let thoſe ſolemn Vows, which I have now made to forſake my Sins, never depart from my Mind; but let the Remembrance of them excite me to fight manfully under thy Banner, and continue thy faithful Servant and Soldier, unto my Life's end. *Amen.*

O Lord, I do here humbly preſent unto thee my Soul and Body, to be a living, holy, and reaſonable Sacrifice unto thee; I beſeech thee ſanctify my Body, that it may become the Temple of God; ſanctify my Soul, and receive it for thy dwelling Place, the Seat of thy Spirit, and the Houſe of Prayer, and holy Meditation; ſanctify me throughout, that both my Body, and Soul, and Spirit, may be preſerved blameleſs unto the coming of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, to whom with thee, O Father, and the Holy Ghoſt, be all Honour and Glory, World without end. *Amen.*

The Peace of God, which paſſeth all Underſtanding, the Bleſſing of God Al-

mighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghoſt, and the Virtue of Chriſt's bleſſed Croſs and Paſſion, be with me now, at the Hour of Death, and in the Day of Judgment. *Amen.*

Glory to the Father, whoſe Wiſdom created us: Glory to the Son, whoſe Love redeemed us: Glory to the Holy Ghoſt, whoſe Grace ſanctified us: Glory to the almighty and undivided Trinity, whoſe Works are inſeparable, and Dominion without end. To thee belongs Praiſe, and Thankſgiving, and Honour, and Power: And therefore all Honour, and Power, and Thanks, and Praiſe, be unto thee our God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

To your Evening-Prayers that Sunday-Night, ſubjoin this Collect.

[Dr. Lake, *&c.*

O Bleſſed Jeſu, who haſt this Day made me a Partaker of thy bleſſed Body and Blood, thy Mercy hath given it, and my Faith hath received it unto my Soul: O let me ever feel the happy Virtue and Effects of it: Put thy Fear into my Heart, to keep thoſe Vows and Promiſes which I have on this Solemnity render'd unto thee in my Mind; and make them firm, vigorous, and conſtant;

conſtant; that I may never Sin againſt thee; enrich me with all thoſe Graces which come from this precious Body and Blood, and abide with me for ever, that I may run the Way of thy Commandments here with Delight and Pleaſure, and hereafter crown me with everlaſting Glory, for thy Merits and Mercies Sake. *Amen.* O infinite Love, *Amen, Amen.*

PRAYERS

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FOR
Several Occaſions.

A Prayer to be ſaid by married Perſons, in behalf of themſelves and each other.

[Bp Taylor, Bp Kenn.

O Eternal and gracious Father, who haſt conſecrated the holy Eſtate of Marriage to become myſterious, and to repreſent the Union of Chriſt, and his Church, let thy holy Spirit ſo guide me in the doing the Duties of this State, that it may not become a Sin unto me. And do thou forgive all thoſe Irregularities, and too ſenſual Applications which may have in any Degree diſcompoſed my Spirit and the Severity of a Chriſtian. Let me in all Accidents and Circumſtances be conſtant and ſincere in my Duty towards thee, affectionate and dear to my Wife, [or Huſband] a Guide and good Example to my Family, and in all Quietneſs,

neſs, Sobriety, Prudence and Peace, Followers of thoſe holy Pairs who have ſerved thee with Godlineſs and a good Teſtimony.

O thou God of Love, let the Force of thy myſtical Love teach us to love each other, and both of us to love thee. O thou who haſt made us one Fleſh, make us but one Soul alſo; let our Love be mutual, conſtant, and inviolate, full of Compliance, and Condeſcenſion, and Sympathy, and Forbearance towards each other.

Fill us, O God of Love, with reciprocal Care and Zeal, and Charity for each other's Happineſs, temporal and eternal, and with a Delight in each other excluſive of all Loves but thine.

Lord, give us Grace to keep our Marriage always honourable, and our Bed undefiled; let the affectionate Authority of the one, and the ſubmiſſive Sweetneſs of the other, produce an entire Friendſhip and Harmony of Diſpoſitions, and fervent Interceſſions for each other; give us, O Lord, an unafflicting Foreſight of our parting here, and a paſſionate longing to be beatified near each other, in neighbouring Manſions above, that from thenceforth our Love to each other, and to thee, may be coeternal with thine.

And the Bleſſings of the eternal God, Bleſſings of the right Hand and of the left, be upon the Body and Soul of thy Servant my Wife, [or Huſband,] and abide upon her [or him] till the end of a holy and happy Life; and grant that both of us may live together for ever, in the Embraces of the holy and eternal Jeſus, our Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

A Prayer to be ſaid by Parents for their Children.

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O Lord, make me a kind and tender Parent, truly careful and ſolicitous to promote the Welfare and Happineſs of my Children. Let thy good Spirit aſſiſt me to form in their tender Minds the Principles of Virtue and Religion, to teach them to remember thee their Creator in the Days of their Youth, and to bring them up in thy Fear and Love: Let me make it my conſtant Care and Endeavour to wean them from all Pride and Vanity, and to ſet before them the Example of a holy and religious Life.

O let the powerful Efficacy of thy good Spirit root out of their Hearts all corrupt and ſinful Affections; and inſtead hereof, do thou ſow

ſow the incorruptible Seed of thy Grace, that they may become Partakers of thy divine Nature, and may bring forth in their Lives the Fruits of Righteouſneſs, and true Holineſs.

Defend them, O Lord, I beſeech thee, againſt the Evils and Temptations of this World, and grant that they may never be led away by the wicked Cuſtoms and Examples, the Luſts and Vanities of it; but obediently keeping thy holy Will and Commandments, and walking in the ſame all the Days of their Lives, that they may be Inſtruments of thy Glory, by doing good in their Generations; and after they have ſerved thee faithfully in this World, they may hereafter be made Partakers of everlaſting Happineſs in that which is to come, thro' Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

A Profeſſion of our ſincere Purpoſe to live anſwerable to our Baptiſmal Vow; to be ſaid on the Day we are baptized.

[Mr. HELE, &c.

O Lord heavenly Father, almighty and everlaſting God, who of thine infinite Goodneſs towards me, when I was born in Sin, and was no other than an Heir of ever-

laſting Wrath, didſt vouchſafe that I ſhould, as upon this Day, be born again of Water and the Holy Ghoſt in the bleſſed Laver of Baptiſm, being thereby made a Member of Chriſt, and an Heir of eternal Life; for this thine ineſtimable Favour, I do here gratefully commemorate that happy Day, and give thee moſt humble and hearty Thanks for admitting me by Baptiſm, into that Covenant of Grace, which entitles me, through thy Mercy in Chriſt, to ſuch glorious Privileges: And I do here ſolemnly promiſe, by thy Grace and Aſſiſtance, to perform the Vows which were then made in my Behalf; [and which I have ſo often renewed, and ratified, with my own Mouth, at thy holy Table.]

I ſeriouſly reſolve, to the utmoſt of the Power thou giveſt me, to avoid all Sin, and to reſiſt all the Temptations of the Devil, the World, and the Fleſh: I do unfeignedly believe, and will, by thy Help, continue in the Belief of all the Articles of the Chriſtian Faith: And I ſtedfaſtly purpoſe, thro' the Help of thy Grace, to keep thy holy Will and Commandments in all Sincerity, and godly Simplicity of Heart; and to perſevere walking in the ſame all the Days of my Life.

O my God, I dedicate myſelf to thee this Day. I offer unto thee my Senſes and Paſſions,

Paſſions, and all my Faculties, I offer thee all my Deſires, all my Deſigns, all my Studies and Endeavours, all that I have or am, I offer up entirely to thy Service. Lord, ſanctify me wholly, that my whole Spirit, Soul and Body, may become thy Temple. O do thou dwell in me, and be thou my God, and I will be thy Servant.

A Prayer for Grace to fulfill the ſolemn Promiſes we made at our Baptiſm.

O Moſt gracious God, who workeſt in us both to will and to do of thy good Pleaſure, vouchſafe me, I beſeech thee, ſuch a Meaſure of thy Grace, as may enable me to fulfill theſe holy Reſolutions, and to walk worthy of that bleſſed State whereunto thou haſt called me.

Grant me thy holy Spirit, that I may devote myſelf entirely to thy Service, that I may be cleanſed from all my Sins, and ſerve thee with a quiet Mind, that I being regenerate, and made thy Child by Adoption and Grace, may daily be renewed by thy holy Spirit, and give all Diligence to eſchew thoſe things that are contrary to my Profeſſion, and follow all ſuch things as are agreeable to the ſame.

Grant me perfectly to know thy Son Jeſus Chriſt to be the Way, the Truth, and the Life; that being eſtabliſhed in the Truth of thy holy Goſpel, I may give up myſelf obediently to follow thy holy Commandments, and ſtedfaſtly walk in the Way that leadeth to eternal Life.

Grant that I may lean only upon the Hope of thy heavenly Grace; and being evermore defended by thy mighty Power, may ſucceſsfully withſtand the Temptations of the World, the Fleſh, and the Devil, and with a pure Heart and Mind, follow thee, the only God.

Grant that I may both perceive and know what things I ought to do, and have Grace and Power ſo faithfully to fulfil the ſame, that by the Innocency of my Life, and Conſtancy of my Faith, even unto Death, I may glorify thy holy Name; and plenteouſly bringing forth the Fruit of good Works, may of thee be plenteouſly rewarded.

Grant that I may diligently follow the Example of my Saviour Chriſt, and be made like unto him, that as he died and roſe again for me, ſo I may die unto Sin, and riſe again unto Righteouſneſs; continually mortifying all my evil and corrupt Affections, and daily proceeding in all Virtue and Godlineſs of living; that ſo, as I have been made

made Partaker of the Death of thy Son, I may alſo be Partaker of his Reſurrection, and finally with the Reſidue of thy Saints, may be an Inheritor of thine everlaſting Kingdom, through the ſame thy Son Jeſus Chriſt, who with thee, and the Holy Ghoſt, liveth and reigneth one God, World without End.

Now the very God of Peace ſanctify me wholly: And I pray God that my whole Spirit, Soul, and Body, may be preſerved blameleſs unto the coming of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt. *Amen.*

A Prayer for one, who is preparing for Confirmation.

[Mr. Nelson.

MOST merciful God, by whoſe gracious Providence I was born of Chriſtian Parents, and early dedicated to thee in holy Baptiſm, wherein I was made a Member of the Catholick Church, whereof Jeſus Chriſt is the Head, adopted thy Child, and intitled to the unſpeakable Happineſs of thy glorious Kingdom; I moſt heartily thank thee for calling me to this State of Salvation, and for beſtowing upon me ſuch bleſſed Privileges: Oh, diſpoſe my Mind, by thy heavenly Grace, carefully and diligently to perform

form thoſe Conditions thou requireſt to qualify me for ſuch ineſtimable Benefits, and that I may continue in the ſame unto my Life's end.

And now, O Lord, that I am preparing myſelf to receive a farther Degree of thy Grace and Favour, which will advance me into the Number of the Faithful, by being admitted to approach thy holy Table, I humbly beſeech thee to enlighten my Mind with the true Knowledge and Underſtanding of that ſolemn Vow, which I made at my Baptiſm, and which I am now about to ratify and confirm publickly in thy Preſence; that I may conſtantly renounce the Devil, by avoiding all thoſe Temptations, with which he ſeeks to deſtroy me, and by abſtaining from all thoſe Sins, which partake moſt of his diabolical Nature: That I may reſiſt all covetous Deſires of Honour, Riches, and Pleaſure, and all thoſe evil Cuſtoms and Maxims of the World, which alienate Men's Minds from the Love of God: That I may mortify all the inordinate Appetites of my own corrupt Nature: that I may believe all thy holy Revelations, and keep thy bleſſed Will and Commandments all the Days of my Life.

Give me, O Lord, unfeigned Repentance for all my paſt Errors, that the many and great Sins, which I have committed, may not

not deprive me of the Aſſiſtances of thy Holy Spirit, which I am about to receive; but let my hearty Sorrow, through the Merits of Chriſt, waſh away all that is paſt; and let Power and Strength, communicated to me from above, mortify and ſubdue them for the time to come. I am unable, O Lord, of myſelf to help myſelf, mercifully grant, that thy bleſſed Spirit may in all things rule my Heart, that by his holy Inſpiration, I may think thoſe things that are good, and by his gracious Guiding may perform the ſame, thro' Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

After Confirmation.

[Idem.

I Bleſs and praiſe thy holy Name, O Lord God, for thoſe renewed Aſſurances, which thou haſt vouchſafed me, of thy Favour and gracious Goodneſs towards me; and though in thy infinite Wiſdom thou haſt thought fit to withdraw the extraordinary Gifts of thy holy Spirit, yet thou art pleaſed to guide thy faithful Servants by his ſecret and inviſible Communications, when they ſeek them in a regular and miniſterial Way. O therefore let the Bleſſings, which I have received by the Hands of thy Servant the Biſhop, be and remain with me, and moſt

powerfully help and ſupport me in all Trials and Temptations, when I moſt need the Aid of thy holy Spirit. Leave me not a Moment to my own Frailty without his Aſſiſtance, but thro' his Succours enable me to adhere to that publick and ſolemn Profeſſion of my Faith, which I have declared in the Preſence of God and the Congregation; and faithfully to perform the Promiſes I have renewed of obſerving and keeping thy holy Commandments; that walking uprightly before thee all my Days, and being found watching, when my appointed Time ſhall come, I may from a Life of Righteouſneſs be tranſlated to a Life of Glory, through Jeſus Chriſt my only Saviour and Redeemer. *Amen.*

A Prayer in time of Perſecution.

[Dr. Hickes.

GRANT, O Lord, who art the Strength of all, that put their Truſt in thee, that thy Grace may ſuſtain me againſt being ſhaken from thy Faith, and Worſhip, by the Dread of Men, or Rage of Devils; ſupport me under the preſent Perſecution, and preſerve me in the ſtricteſt Obedience to all thy Commandments. Let no Temptation prevail on me to betray thy Truth, or forſake

ſake thy afflicted Church; but give me Grace to glory in the Croſs of Chriſt, and chearfully to follow the Captain of our Salvation, who was made perfect through Sufferings. Let me not faint, or be diſcouraged, at the outward Proſperity of our Perſecutors; but give me Grace to pity, and pray for them, and to return them Good for Evil. To thy perſecuted Truth, and thoſe faithful Miniſters, who undauntedly profeſs it, let me conſtantly adhere; their holy Offices let me daily attend, their Doctrine and Examples patiently obſerve and follow; that with them, I may through many Tribulations and Perſecutions, enter into the Kingdom of Heaven, through the Merits of Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

A Prayer for our Enemies and Perſecutors.

[Mr. NELSON.

GRACIOUS God, ſhew Mercy, I humbly intreat thee, to all thoſe who perſecute me, though they neither ſhew Juſtice nor Mercy towards me: pity their Ignorance, remove thoſe Prejudices that blind their Eyes; ſweeten and mollify their Spirits, that they may no longer be carried away with Malice and bitter Paſſion; diſ-

poſe them by Humility and Meekneſs, and by a ſincere Love of Truth and Righteouſneſs, to a joyful Reception and Acknowledgment thereof; that they may lay aſide their Errors, and inſtead of perſecuting, reſolutely profeſs thy holy Religion. And by whatever Means thou ſhalt think fit to work their Recovery, let their Repentance prevent thine eternal Vengeance.

And teach me to bear all their Malice with Meekneſs and Patience, and to return all Offices of Charity for the Affronts and Indignities they offer to me. Make me placable and ready to forgive, and candid in interpreting all the Marks and Signs of their Repentance. And do thou, O bleſſed Jeſus, forgive them, and recover them, to a right Senſe of things, and make them ready to be reconciled; that I being enabled by thy Grace, to obey thy Commands, and follow thy Example, I may receive that Pardon from thee, which I readily grant to them, and without which I am undone to all Eternity. Grant this, O Lord Jeſus, to whom with the Father, and the Holy Ghoſt, be all Honour and Glory, World without end. *Amen.*

A Prayer for the Preſervation and Proſperity of the Church of England.

[Arch-Bp. Wake, Dr. Cave, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Kittlewell, Mr. Laurence, Mr. Inett, *&c.*

O Almighty and moſt adorable Lord God, the Inſtitutor, Preſerver, and Governor of thy holy Catholick Church, I humbly beſeech thee to beſtow the choiceſt of thy Bleſſings upon that pure reformed Part of it eſtabliſhed in this Kingdom. Weaken the Hands, infatuate and defeat, the evil Deſigns and Enterprizes of all her Enemies againſt her. Let neither the Malice of the Devil, or wicked Men, nor our own Impieties, ever deprive us of thy true Religion and Way of Worſhip eſtabliſhed amongſt us. But let this Church be bleſſed and preſerved with thy Favour and Protection, and flouriſh in theſe Kingdoms till Time is ſwallowed up of Eternity.

Let not Hereſies and falſe Doctrines (either in Faith, or Practice) diſturb its Peace; nor Schiſms and cauſeleſs Diviſions weaken and deſtroy it; nor Prophaneneſs, Atheiſm, Deiſm, Hypocriſy, and Perſecution lay it waſte; nor Hatred, Prejudice, Self-intereſt, nor

nor any Vice or Paſſion, hinder us from godly Union and Concord. But heal its Breaches, enlarge its Borders, unite its Diviſions, and for ever keep and preſerve it in thy Truth: That ſo her Peace and Order may be preſerved inviolable; her Articles, Canons, and Conſtitutions obſerved and practiſed; her Liturgy and Divine Offices univerſally complied with, and continue in Uſe, Honour and Veneration in this Church, as long as the Sun and Moon endureth.

But if thou, O God, art otherwiſe determined, and ſhouldeſt at any Time try it with Tribulations, let them only purge it, but not lay it waſte: Revive a ſuffering Spirit among all the Members of it, when it labours under a ſuffering State; that they may be ready to quit all worldly Intereſt, and be enabled contentedly and joyfully to take up the Croſs, and bear it after thee, with undaunted Courage and Reſolution, and readily embrace Death, though armed with the utmoſt Terrors, rather than forſake thee. That carefully avoiding all Ways of Error and Wickedneſs, for preventing or reſcuing themſelves from Sufferings, they may either be delivered by thy mighty Arm, or rewarded in thy heavenly Kingdom.

Pour

Pour out upon all thoſe who are in the Communion of it, a Spirit of Zeal and Piety, of Peace and Charity, of Truth and Juſtice, of Humility and Obedience, of Meekneſs and Patience, of Purity and Holineſs: And grant that theſe and all other Chriſtian Virtues, may more and more encreaſe and abound in us.

Give a double Portion of thy Spirit to the Biſhops and Paſtors of this Church, that they may diligently watch over thoſe Souls intruſted to their Care, praying for them, and bleſſing them, exerciſing Spiritual Diſcipline in thy Church, and rightly and duly adminiſter thy holy Sacraments: That they may be able, by ſound Doctrine, both to exhort and convince Gainſayers, and bring all ſuch as are committed to their Charge, unto that Agreement of Faith and Knowledge of God, and to that Perfection of all Chriſtian Virtues, that there may be no Place left for Error in Religion, or for Viciouſneſs of Life. But that they may faſhion their Lives, and thoſe of their Families, after the Rules and Doctrines of Chriſt, that they be wholeſome Examples for the reſt of their Congregations to follow, and be able to give a good Account of their Stewardſhip at the Tribunal of Chriſt.

And

And grant, O Lord, that the Laity may always reverence, obey, and ſincerely love, and very highly eſteem them for their Relation to God, and their Work Sake. That ſo they may be preſerved from the dreadful Sin of hating ſound Doctrine, and heaping to themſelves, Teachers deſtitute of the Divine Commiſſion.

Enable them alſo conſtantly to join in the Prayers and Praiſes of thy Church, with fervent and heavenly Affections, hear thy Word with Reverence and Attention, and a firm Reſolution of Mind to obſerve and obey it; receive thy holy Sacrament with Faith, Humility, Thankſgiving, and Charity, and with all thoſe holy Diſpoſitions, and devout Affections, which become the ſolemn Remembrance of a crucify'd Saviour. That by a right Uſe of theſe Means of Grace, the Clearneſs of Truth, and Beauty of Holineſs, may daily encreaſe in this Church, through every one's devout Performance of their Duties. That all that diſſent from her (by ſeeing our good Works) may repent of their Errors, and join in conſtant and conſcientious Communion with her; that ſo we may with one Heart and Soul, be united into one holy Bond of Truth and Peace, of Faith and Charity, and may with one Mind and Mouth glorify thee our Father in Heaven; through the

Power and Merits of the eternal Son of God, the great High Prieſt of our Profeſſion! the Author and Finiſher of our Faith! the eternal Logos! who is God over all, bleſſed for evermore, with his eternal Father, and the Holy Ghoſt, three coeternal Perſons, and but one infinite, ineffable, and incomprehenſible God; be all Honour, Praiſe, and Glory, Love, Obedience and Adoration, aſcribed and paid by all Angels, by all Men, and by all Creatures, from henceforth and for ever. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Temporal Bleſſings.

[Mr. Nelson.

O God, heavenly Father, who by thy Son Jeſus Chriſt haſt promiſed to all them that ſeek thy Kingdom and the Righteouſneſs thereof, all Things neceſſary to their bodily Suſtenance: Send us, I beſeech thee, ſuch ſeaſonable Weather, as may preſerve to our Uſe the kindly Fruits of the Earth, and that in due Time we may enjoy them; to thy Glory, the Relief of thoſe that are in Want, and to our own Comfort.

Deliver us from Lightning and Tempeſt, from Fire, Plague, Peſtilence, and Famine, from Battle and Murder, and from ſudden Death;

Death; from all Sedition, privy Conſpiracy and Rebellion, from all falſe Doctrine, Hereſy and Schiſm. Bleſs all the People of this Land, with Health, Plenty, Unity, Peace and Concord; and teach them to uſe ſuch thy Bleſſings with Sobriety, Gratitude and Charity; through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

AN

AN OFFICE FOR THE SICK.

A Prayer at the Beginning of any Sickneſs, which may be alſo uſed during its Continuance.

[New Manual of Devotions.

O Almighty God and merciful Father, whoſe never-failing Providence ordereth all Things, both in Heaven and Earth; I deſire, with the profoundeſt Reverence, to humble myſelf before thee, acknowledging that thou, even in thy ſevereſt Diſpenſations, haſt kind Intentions, and gracious Deſigns towards us; behold thy poor Servant, upon whom thou haſt been pleaſed to lay thy afflicting Hand; ſanctify, I beſeech thee, this thy Fatherly Correction to me, and grant that I may receive it with all the Patience and Submiſſion as become a Creature

Creature and a Sinner. Suffer me not, O Lord, to murmur or repine under the Diſpenſations of thy Providence; but let all that is afflictive to me, be a Means to wean me from the World; to bring me nearer to thyſelf, and to purge away all that Droſs and Defilement which my Soul has contracted in this ſinful Life. O give me ſuch a Meaſure of Grace and Patience, as may enable me chearfully and willingly to ſubmit my Will to thine. Pardon and deliver me from all my Sins, and ſay unto my Soul, I am thy Salvation.

O Lord, ſupport me under all my Pains, Weakneſſes and Infirmities, ſtrengthen my Faith, enlarge my Hopes, increaſe my Charity, and perfect my Repentance. Make thou my Bed in my Sickneſs, and lay not more upon me than thou wilt enable me to bear; give a Bleſſing to the Means that ſhall be uſed for my Recovery; and if it be thy good Pleaſure, reſtore me to my former Health, that I may lead the Reſidue of my Life in thy Fear, and to thy Glory: But if thou haſt determined that this Sickneſs ſhall be unto Death. Oh! fit and prepare me for it. And grant, O merciful Father, that the more the outward Man decayeth, ſo much the more I may find the inner Man ſtrengthned and renewed with thy Grace and Holy Spirit. O give me Grace ſo to take

take thy Viſitation, that after this painful Life ended, I may dwell with thee in Life everlaſting, thro' the Merits and Mediation of Jeſus Chriſt, my dear and only Saviour. *Amen.*

A ſhort Prayer to be uſed by a ſick Perſon every Time he takes any Phyſick.

[Idem.

O Lord, without whom all our Endeavours are but vain, give thy Bleſſing to the Means now uſed for my Recovery, and (if it be thy bleſſed Will) make them ſo effectual for that End, that I may live and be an Inſtrument of thy Glory, and better prepared for the coming of my dear Lord. *Amen.*

Prayers for Repentance in Sickneſs.

[Idem.

Righteous art thou, O God, in all thoſe Pains and Sorrows which thou haſt brought upon me; I receive my Sickneſs, as the Chaſtiſement of a Sinner; and am willing to bear Chaſtiſement for my Sins, that I may thereby be cleanſed from them.

But

But, O Lord, correct me not in thine Anger, leſt thou bring me to nothing; judge me not according as my Sins have deſerved, but as my Weakneſs can bear, and as thy Compaſſions are wont to mitigate thy Judgments. And Oh! let my Sickneſs work in me a true Repentance, and prove a happy Means to reclaim me perfectly from all the Sins which I have formerly committed, not to occaſion my committing more; and to confer that Reſt and Peace upon my Soul, which is now denied to my Body: All which I humbly beg for our dear Lord and Saviour Jeſus Chriſt's Sake. *Amen.*

HELP me, O my God, to ſearch out my Sins, and to diſcover every accurſed Thing; and when I ſee them, let me entirely renounce them all. Let thy Love cauſe me to hate every evil Way, and make my Reſolutions againſt Sin honeſt and Sincere, and my Care to fulfill the ſame vigilant and patient. If thou ſhalt be pleaſed to continue me any longer in this World, grant that all the Remainder of my Days may be one continued Courſe of reforming my paſt Errors, and of devoting myſelf entirely to thy Service.

Lord, cure my Folly by this my Miſery, and teach me, by the Loſs of my bodily Eaſe, to purchaſe the Bleſſing of true Repentance,

pentance, and the comfortable Hopes of thy merciful Acceptance thereof, through the Merits of our dear Lord and Saviour Jeſus Chriſt. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Truſt in God in Sickneſs.

[Idem.

O Almighty God, our only Help in time of Trouble, look with Pity and Compaſſion upon me, thy poor Servant, now under thy afflicting Hand. Be thou my Stay and Confidence under all my Sorrows aed Afflictions, and ſuffer me not to ſink under the Weight of them, through any Dejection or Faintneſs of Spirit.

Give me ſuch an entire Truſt and Confidence in thy Mercy, through the Merits of my dear Redeemer, that I may caſt all my Care upon thee, and with Chearfulneſs commit myſelf into thy Hands, aſſuredly believing that all things ſhall work together for good to them that love thee: And, O Lord, grant that I may be found ſuch an one, as, through thy great Mercy may be entitled to the Benefit of thy gracious Promiſes. Make me willing and ready to yield to thy Wiſdom, and to prefer thy Will before my own; to be contented to bear what thou

thou pleaſeſt, and to be eaſed of my Burden in thy Time, which is always beſt. But, O Lord, however thou art pleaſed to deal with my Body, yet ſpare my Soul, I beſeech thee, and deliver it from the bitter Pains of eternal Death. O take me not out of this World, till thou art reconciled unto me; and haſt fitted me in ſome Meaſure for thy heavenly Kingdom. Grant, O Lord, that whether I live, I may live unto thee; or whether I die, I may die unto thee; ſo that living and dying I may be thine, through Jeſus Chriſt my ever bleſſed Saviour and Redeemer. *Amen.*

Prayers of ſick or dying Perſons, for truſting God with their Wives and Children.

[Idem.

O Lord, if thou ſeeſt fit to call me to thyſelf by this Sickneſs, let my dear Wife and Children, and all who (under thee) depend on me, betake themſelves to thee. I humbly beg leave to commend them to thy Mercy; for I know thou art the Helper of the Friendleſs, the Father of the Fatherleſs, and the Huſband of the Widow; and therefore I beg that they may ever

ever have thy good Providence for their Support and Stay in this World, and thy Peace and Love in that which is to come. *Amen.*

Enable them, O Lord, evermore to place their Love and Delight in thee, to fix their Truſt and Confidence in thy Mercy, and to ſubmit to all thy Diſpenſations concerning them. Oh! that thy Will and Honour may always be their Care, that ſo their Needs and Welfare may be always thine: Keep them from doing any thing that may forfeit thy fatherly Care and good Providence, and train them up, good Lord, ſtedfaſtly in thy Fear; that being preſerved from all the Evils and Temptations of this World, they may at laſt be brought in Safety to the unſpeakable Joys of that which is far better, even the Fruition of thy bleſſed Self, for the Sake of thy dear Son Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

A Prayer for a ſick Perſon, to be added upon Occaſion, either to the Cloſet, or Family Prayers.

O Father of Mercies, and God of all Comfort, our only Help in time of Need, we fly unto thee for Succour, in Behalf of

thy ſick Servant, lying under thy Hand in great Weakneſs of Body. Viſit him, O Lord, with thy Salvation, and deliver him in thy good appointed Time, from that bodily Pain and Sickneſs, which he now labours under; prolong his Days here upon Earth, that he may live to thee, and be an Inſtrument of thy Glory, by ſerving thee faithfully, and doing good in his Generation; in the mean time, O Lord, grant that he may take his Sickneſs patiently, and intirely ſubmit to thy bleſſed Will. Sanctify, we beſeech thee, this thy fatherly Correction to him, that the Senſe of his Weakneſs may add Strength to his Faith, and Seriouſneſs to his Repentance; give him Comfort and ſure Confidence in thee, defend him from the Danger of the Enemy; and keep him in perpetual Peace and Safety; and the more the outward Man decays, ſtrengthen him ſo much the more continually with thy Grace and holy Spirit in the inner Man. Give him unfeigned Repentance for all the Errors of his Life paſt, and ſtedfaſt Faith in thy Son Jeſus, that his Sins may be done away by thy Mercy, and his Pardon ſealed in Heaven, before he go hence and be no more ſeen.

O Lord, hear his Prayers, and the Prayers of all his Friends for him; ſtrengthen him under all his Weakneſſes; viſit him with the ſtrong

ſtrong Conſolations of thy holy Spirit, let his Soul be ever precious in thy Sight; waſh and cleanſe it, I beſeech thee, in the Blood of thy dear Son, that it may be delivered from all the Defilements it hath contracted in this ſinful Life, and be preſented pure and ſpotleſs before the Throne of Grace, and admitted into the bleſſed Society of Saints and Angels; there to love, praiſe, and adore thee for ever, through the Merits of thy beloved Son, Jeſus Chriſt the Righteous. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Eaſe, when Sickneſs grows very painful.

[Mr. KETTLEWELL.

LORD, look upon mine Adverſity and Miſery, which call aloud to thee for Eaſe; O moſt gracious God, my Pains are extream, have Pity on me, and lighten them; in thine Anger remember Mercy, and conſider my Feebleneſs and Frailty. I have waited for thy Relief, O Father, give me the Comforts of it; O ſhew me thy Mercy, and that ſoon, for my Need thereof is great; ſend me ſeaſonable Help, and Strength at preſent, and everlaſting Reſt with thee in the End, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

On the Abatement of Pain.

[Idem.

BLESSED be thy Mercy, O my God, which pitieth me in my Misery; as a Father pitieth his Children in the Extremity of their Pain, so hast thou pitied me. Lord, my Soul shall love thee, and sing of thy Mercy, and in my Distress I will always trust in thee, and not be afraid: For thou art our Strength, whilst we suffer, and our merciful Deliverer, when we can endure no more; to thee be Glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

On Want of Sleep.

[Idem.

O Righteous Lord, thou holdest mine Eyes waking, and in the Night-Season I take no Rest; I seek Sleep to ease my Pains, and to recruit my Spirits, but I find it not; but, O merciful God, let it not always fly away from me; let my wearied Eyes at length lay hold of it, and make my Sleep sweet unto me. Consider my Weariness, which calls aloud for Rest, and my

my Weakneſs, which greatly needs Refreſhment; while thou keepeſt me awake, let me commune with mine own Heart, and ſearch out my Spirit; let me remember thee on my Bed, and meditate on thee in the Night-Watches; let the Conſideration of thy tender Mercies be my Comfort, till thy Goodneſs ſee fit to give Sleep to my Eyes, and Refreſhment to my Sorrows, through my deareſt Lord and Saviour Jeſus Chriſt. *Amen.*

A Prayer to be uſed by the Friends of the Sick, when he is Light-headed.

[Idem.

MERCIFUL Lord, let not thy Servant in this Extremity of Pain and Sickneſs, want the Uſe of Reaſon, when he ſtands moſt in need of its Succour; let not his Diſeaſe tranſport him into vain and violent Ravings, much leſs let the Enemy poſſeſs his Fancy, when he has loſt all good Uſe thereof, with any frightful or blaſphemous Thoughts and Illuſions. Impute not whatever he ſays or does amiſs under this Diſtraction or Alienation of Mind; and reſtore to him his Underſtanding again, that he may diſclaim all the Evil he ſaid or did,

while he knew it not; and that he may watch against the Enemy, discern his Wants, and earnestly implore thy Grace and Mercy for the Supply thereof; through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

A Thanksgiving after Recovery.

[New Manual.

O Most mighty God and merciful Father, I thy unworthy Servant, whom thou hast raised up from a dangerous Sickness, do now present myself before thee, acknowledging it to be owing to thy Goodness alone, that I am now alive, and have once more an Opportunity of offering up my Prayers and Praises at the Throne of Grace. Thou, O Lord, hast chastened and corrected me, but hast not given me over unto Death: Blessed therefore be that Divine Wisdom, which saw this late Affliction seasonable. Blessed be that tender Compassion, which in the midst of Wrath remembred Mercy; which made all my Bed in my Sickness, passed by my Impatience and many Infirmities, and inclined a willing Ear unto my Supplications, when I cried unto thee in the time of my Distress: Blessed be the powerful Influences of that Grace, which

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diſpoſed my Heart to Conſideration and Repentance: But above all, bleſſed for ever be that Power and Goodneſs, which by ſparing me when I had deſerved to be cut off, has now given me an Opportunity of rectifying the Errors of my paſt Life, and reforming whatſoever is amiſs in me.

O Lord, let not this Goodneſs of thine, nor my own ſerious Purpoſes of better Obedience, ever ſlip out of my Mind, but preſerve me in a conſtant tender Senſe of the great Obligations I lie under, of ſerving thee faithfully all my Days, make me every Day more and more zealous in promoting thy Glory, and the Good of my Brethren; in ſtudying to pleaſe thee better, than ever I have yet done; and in devoting the Remainder of that Life, which thou haſt given me, to the Service of thee my gracious Benefactor.

I humbly offer and preſent unto thee my Soul and Body, which thou haſt ſo mercifully preſerved, beſeeching thee to take them into thy Cuſtody. O let not the Return of my Health be accompanied with a Return to my former Sins and Follies; but let the Experience I have had, how little any thing will profit in the time of Trouble, beſides a good Conſcience, ſo effectually convince me of the Neceſſity of a good Life; ſo powerfully perſuade me to

the Practice of Religion; that I may make it the great Study and Endeavour, the conſtant Buſineſs and Employment of my whole Life, to love, adore, and ſerve thee, and in all things to become ſuch as thou wouldſt have me to be.

But, O Lord, foraſmuch as without thee, I am not able to pleaſe thee, mercifully grant unto me ſuch a Meaſure of thy Grace, as may enable me to amend whatever has been amiſs in the Temper and Diſpoſition of my Mind, or in any of the Actions of my Life. Oh! let me never more be led away by the deceitful Promiſes of the World, the Fleſh, or the Devil, but grant, O my God, that my Hopes and Affections may be unalterably fixed upon the eternal and unchangeable Happineſs which thou haſt prepared for them that love thee. Let the Thoughts and Expectations of Death and Judgment be ſo conſtantly, ſo powerfully preſent to my Soul, as effectually to work upon my Mind, and to bring forth in me the Fruits of a holy and religious Life; let the Pains and Troubles I have lately felt, inſpire me with a tender Pity and Compaſſion for the Miſeries and Calamities of others, and make me ready upon all Occaſions, to contribute what I can, to the Wants and Neceſſities of my Brethren. And Oh! let thoſe Talents which

which thou haſt afreſh committed to my Truſt, be ſo faithfully improved for thy Glory, the Good of others, and the Benefit of my own Soul, that whenever thou ſhalt call me to give an Account of my Stewardſhip, I may not be condemned, as an unprofitable Servant, but may be found ſuch an one, as thou ſhalt then pronounce faithful, and bid to enter into the Joy of the Lord.

Grant this, O merciful Father, through the Merits, and for the Sake of thy dear Son Jeſus Chriſt our Lord, to whom with thee, and the ever bleſſed Spirit, be aſcribed, as is moſt due, by me, and every Creature, all Honour, Glory, Power, Dominion, Thankſgiving, and Praiſe throughout all Ages. *Amen.*

A Prayer for a happy Death.

[Dr. Whichcot.

HELP me, O God, ſo to order my Converſation in the World, ſo to govern my Spirit and to lead ſuch a Life upon which I may ſafely die. And ſuperadd this to all the Grace and Favour thou haſt ſhewn me all along in Life, not to remove me hence, but with all Advantage for Eternity;

when I ſhall be in a due Preparation of Mind, in a holy Diſpoſition of Soul, in a perfect Renunciation of the Guiſe of this mad and ſinful World; when I ſhall be entirely reſigned up to thee, my God; when I ſhall have clear Acts of Faith in God by Jeſus Chriſt, high and reverential Thoughts of thee in my Mind, enlarged and inflamed Affections towards thee. And when I come to leave this World, afford me ſuch a mighty Power and Preſence of thy own good Spirit, that I may have ſolid Conſolation in believing, and depart in the Faith of God's Elect. That I may chearfully follow thee into the State of the other ſide Death, of which thou haſt given us ſo great an Aſſurance by the Reſurrection of our Lord and Saviour Jeſus Chriſt, to whom with thee, O Father, and Holy Ghoſt, be all Honour, and Glory, World without end. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Preparation for our laſt End.

[Mr. KITTLEWELL.

GRANT, O Lord, that I may end my Life in thy Fear and Favour, and receive my Death, whenever it ſhall approach, not as my Curſe, but as my Deliverance, as

as a Reſt from my Labours, and an Entrance upon a Life without Trouble, and without Sin. Remember not againſt me my manifold Follies, but let them all be done away by thy Mercies, and my bleſſed Saviour's Merits, and my own true Repentance; that I may come to my laſt Change without Guilt, and foreſee its near Approach without Fear, or Impatience. And enable my Soul to ſtrip itſelf of all fleſhly Affections before it leaves my Body, and to be of like Mind and Diſpoſition with the holy Angels, and beatify'd Spirits, before it goes to keep them Company. And in my laſt Trial bleſs my ſick Bed with the Benefit of a Spiritual Guide; and with an Opportunity of receiving the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Chriſt, that the Strength of that Heavenly Food may chear my fainting Spirits, and carry me with Joy to my Journey's End. Make me then to watch all Opportunities of renouncing my own Will, and reſigning myſelf to thine, and of ſhewing forth Devotion of Spirit, holy Obedience, Patience, Faith, and humble Confidence in thee, and exerciſe the ſame diligently, as my laſt Labours for Immortality, and for ſecuring thy everlaſting Mercy, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Spiritual Strength and Comfort in the Hour of Death.

[Idem.

O Thou who art our only Help in time of Need, ſtrengthen me, I beſeech thee, in my laſt Agonies: And as my Strength decays, let my Pains wear off; but when my Strength fails, O let not my Faith fail: Even in Death enable me to truſt in thee. Deliver me from all violent Diſorders of a troubled Fancy, and defend me againſt all Deluſions of my Ghoſtly Enemy. Oh! let him not be able to diſturb or terrify me, or any Way prevail againſt me. And when my Death approaches, give thy holy Angels Charge to ſtand about me, to guard and receive my poor Soul at my Departure; and to conduct and carry it to the bleſſed Receptacles of Reſt and Peace.

If it be thy gracious Will, O Lord, make my Pains ſhort, and my Death eaſy, at leaſt not extremely tedious or grievous to me. But if thou haſt otherwiſe ordered, thy bleſſed Will be done: only give me Patience to bear them; and Spiritual Comforts under them; and in thy own appointed time, make my Death my Paſſage to a joyful Reſurrection

ſurrection unto a Bleſſed and eternal Life, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

Forms of Recommending the Soul to God, in her Departure from the Body.

[Viſitation-Office.

O Almighty God, with whom do live the Spirits of juſt Men made perfect, after they are delivered from their earthly Priſons; we humbly commend the Soul of this thy Servant our dear Brother into thy Hands, as into the Hands of a faithful Creator, and moſt merciful Saviour; moſt humbly beſeeching thee, that it may be precious in thy Sight. Waſh it, we pray thee, in the Blood of that immaculate Lamb that was ſlain to take away the Sins of the World; that whatſoever Defilements it may have contracted in the midſt of this miſerable and naughty World, thro' the Luſts of the Fleſh, or the Wiles of Satan; being purged and done away, it may be preſented pure and without Spot before thee. And teach us, who ſurvive in this, and other like daily Spectacles of Mortality, to ſee how frail and uncertain our own Condition is, and ſo to number our Days, that we may ſeriouſly apply our Hearts to that holy and heavenly Wiſdom, whilſt we live here, which may in the End bring

bring us to Life everlasting, thro' the Merits of Jesus Christ thine only Son our Lord. *Amen.*

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O Holy and most gracious Jesus, we humbly recommend the Soul of thy Servant into thy Hands: Let thy blessed Angels stand in Ministry about thy Servant, and defend him from the Violence and Malice of all his Ghostly Enemies, and drive far from hence all the Spirits of Darkness. *Amen.*

Lord, receive the Soul of this thy Servant: Enter not into Judgment with him; spare him whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious Blood, and deliver him (for whose Sake thou didst suffer Death) from all Evil and Mischief, from the Crafts and Assaults of the Devil; from the Fear of Death, and from everlasting Death. *Amen.*

Lord, impute not unto him the Follies of his Youth, nor any of the Errors and Miscarriages of his Life, but strengthen him in his Agony, and carry him safely thro' his last Distress. Let not his Faith waver, nor his Hope fail, nor his Charity be disorder'd; let him die in Peace, and rest in Hope, and rise in Glory. *Amen.*

Lord,

Lord, we know and believe aſſuredly, that whatſoever is under thy Cuſtody cannot be taken out of thy Hands, nor by all the Violence of Hell robbed of thy Protection: Preſerve the Work of thy Hands, reſcue him from all Evil, and let his Portion be with the Patriarchs and Prophets, with the Apoſtles and Martyrs, and all thy holy Saints in the Arms of Chriſt, in the Boſom of Felicity, and the Kingdom of God for ever.

O Saviour of the World, who by thy Croſs and precious Blood haſt redeemed us; ſave and help this thy departing Servant, we beſeech thee, O Lord. *Amen.*

Unto thy gracious Mercy and Protection we commit him. O God the Father bleſs him and keep him. O God the Son, make thy Face to ſhine upon him, and be gracious unto him. O God the Holy Ghoſt, lift up thy Countenance upon him, and give him thy Peace, both now and evermore. *Amen.*

AN OFFICE FOR Women with Child.

A Prayer to be frequemtly uſed by a Woman with Child.

[New Manual of Devotions.

O God, who art the Author of our Being, the Fountain of Life, and of all Bleſſings ſpiritual and temporal. I adore thy glorious Majeſty, which has begun an excellent Work in me, which no Eye but thine ſees, and no Hand but thy Almighty Power can finiſh.

Be pleaſed, I beſeech thee, in thy great Goodneſs, to perfect and compleat that which thou haſt now begun in me; give it its due Shapes and full Growth, and preſerve me from all Frights, or evil Accidents which may cauſe me to miſcarry.

And bleſs it, O God, in Mind, as well as in Body; endue it with an Underſtanding capable to know thee, with a Heart ſtrongly bent to fear thee, and with all thoſe holy and good Diſpoſitions, that may make it amiable in thy Sight. Oh! ſanctify it, I beſeech

beſeech thee, from the Womb, and receive and reckon it for thy Child, as ſoon as it is mine; lent to me for my Comfort, but created and reſerved by thee, for thy Service and Glory.

O Lord, I humbly commit both myſelf and this Babe, which is conceived in me, to thy Mercy and Goodneſs; ſtrengthen and enable me, I beſeech thee, to go thro' all the Pains and Uneaſineſs of Child-bearing, with Patience and Submiſſion to thy Will; conſidering that they are the juſt Puniſhment of Sin: Give me an humble Truſt and Dependance on thy fatherly Care and good Providence, and make me, in thy good time, a joyful Mother of a hopeful Child, which may live to be an Inſtrument of thy Glory, by ſerving thee faithfully, and doing good in its Generation, and then be received into thy everlaſting Kingdom, thro' Jeſus Chriſt our Lord and only Saviour. *Amen.*

A Prayer when the Time of Travail draws near.

[Idem.

O God, the Help of all that put their Truſt in thee, the Support of the Weak, and the Relief of the Needy; look with Pity upon me thy poor Servant, who repoſe myſelf under the Care and Protection of thy fatherly Goodneſs, deſiring to reſt

reſt upon thee alone for my Support, who art the Rock of Ages. Oh! let me not be diſquieted with the Fear of any Evil, ſince none can happen unto me without thy Leave, nor be frighted with the Approach of any Pains; but give me Grace patiently to reſign myſelf to thy bleſſed Will in all things, who knoweſt what is beſt for me, and who, I truſt, wilt not lay upon me more than thou wilt enable me to bear.

O Lord, be thou graciouſly pleaſed to proportion thy Strength to my Weakneſs; and when Pains and Sorrows have taken hold on me, leave me not under them, I beſeech thee, but ſave and deliver me for thy Mercy's Sake: And as I have hitherto experienced thy fatherly Goodneſs in every State and Condition of my Life; ſo let me ſtill find the Continuance of it, to carry me thro' the Time of my Travail, which is now drawing near at Hand.

O Lord, pardon thoſe Sins that have made me unworthy of thy Care, and deal not with me as I have deſerved, but according to thy Mercy, and the Merits of thy dear Son Jeſus Chriſt the Righteous; to whom with thee, O Father, and the bleſſed Spirit, be all Honour, Glory, Power, Thankſgiving and Praiſe, both now and for evermore. *Amen.*

Ejaculations

Ejaculations to be uſed by a Woman during the Time of her Labour.

[Idem.

SAVE Lord, and hear me, O King of Heaven, now I call upon thee in this Time of my Trouble.

Be not thou far from me, O Lord, thou art my Succour, haſte thee to help me.

Oh! remember not my Sins and Offences; but according to thy Mercy, think thou upon me, O Lord, for thy Goodneſs.

The Sorrows of my Heart are enlarged; oh! bring thou me out of my Troubles.

Look upon my Adverſity and Miſery, and forgive me all my Sins, that I may ſhew the Voice of Thankſgiving, and tell of all thy wondrous Works.

O hide not thou thy Face from me; nor caſt thy Servant away in Diſpleaſure. Thou haſt been my Succour, leave me not, neither forſake me, O God of my Salvation.

Hear me, O Lord, for thy loving Kindneſs is comfortable; turn thee unto me, according to the Multitude of thy Mercies.

Thou art my Helper and Redeemer, make no long tarrying, O my God, nor ſuffer me not to ſink under the Burden of my Pains.

O my Soul, wait thou ſtill upon God; for my Hope is in him.

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In God is my Health, and my Glory, the Rock of my Might, and in God is my Truſt.

Oh! be thou my Help in this Time of my Trouble; for without thee, vain is the Help of Man.

Oh! look upon me, and be merciful unto me, as thou uſeſt to be unto thoſe that love thy Name.

O Lord, let it be thy Pleaſure to deliver me; make haſte, O Lord, to help me.

A Prayer to be uſed by a Huſband, or other Friend, in private, for a Woman in Labour; and which, by changing I for We, may be uſed by the Friends of the Woman in her Preſence.

[Idem.

O God, our Refuge and Strength, I fly unto thee for Succour, in behalf of thy Servant now labouring under the Pains and Anguiſh of Childbirth. Shorten her Sorrows, increaſe her Patience, and lay not upon her more than thou wilt enable her to bear.

O hear her Prayers, and let her Crying come unto thee; forſake her not, I beſeech thee, when her Strength faileth; give her an humble Truſt and Confidence in thy Goodneſs. And oh! let her find, that the

Support

Support and Comforts of thy holy Spirit far exceed the Pains that ſhe is now to go through.

Give her a quiet Submiſſion to thy bleſſed Will; and in thy good Time ſend her Eaſe and Deliverance; preſerve that Infant which now ſtruggles for its Birth; and (if it be thy good Pleaſure) make her ſpeedily a joyful Mother of a hopeful Child, that may live to be an Inſtrument of thy Glory, and uſeful in its Generation.

O Lord, I leave her in thy Hands, and reſign her to thy Will, humbly beſeeching thee to deal graciouſly with her, thro' the Merits, and for the Sake of thy dear Son, and our alone Saviour Jeſus Chriſt. *Amen.*

A Thankſgiving to be ſaid in the Preſence of the Woman, after her Delivery, which may be uſed for ſome Time afterward.

[Idem.

O Father of Mercies, and God of all Comforts, we thy unworthy Servants do now preſent ourſelves before thee, to return unto thy divine Majeſty our moſt humble and unfeigned Thanks, for that thou haſt vouchſafed to deliver thy Servant from the great Pain and Peril of Child-birth. Bleſſed be thy Name, O Lord, that thou haſt turned her Sorrows into Joy, and her Pains

Pains into Eaſe and Refreſhment; continue, we beſeech thee, this Fatherly Goodneſs, to her; let thy good Providence ſtill watch over her; and thy Strength ſupport her under all the Weakneſſes of her preſent Condition.

And grant, O moſt merciful Father, that not only this thy Servant, but every one of us here preſent, may from the Conſideration of thy great Goodneſs, be excited to a greater Love to thee, and a ſtricter Obedience to thy Laws; that thou mayeſt ſtill delight over us to do us good, and that we ſerving thee faithfully all our Days, may at laſt obtain that greateſt of all Mercies, the eternal Salvation of our immortal Souls, thro' the Merits of thy Son, and our alone Saviour Jeſus Chriſt.

We commend likewiſe to thy Mercy and Goodneſs their tender Infant; preſerve it, that it may be regenerated, and born again by Baptiſm, that as it is thine by Creation, ſo it may thereby be made thine by Adoption and Grace *.

Sanctify it, we humbly pray thee, and take it into thy Protection, and ſo fill it with the Graces of thy Holy Spirit, that it may be of the Number of thy faithful Servants, thro' Jeſus Chriſt our bleſſed Lord and only Saviour. *Amen.*

* This is to be added, if the Child is living.

A Thanksgiving to be used by a Woman in private, before her going Abroad.

[Idem.

O Almighty and most merciful Father, in whom I live, and move, and have my Being, by thee I have been preserved ever since I was born, and to thy infinite Goodness I acknowledge it to be owing, that I am now alive. I desire, O Lord, to adore and praise thy glorious Majesty, for the many Mercies and Favours which thou hast bestowed on me, all my Life long; and in a more particular manner, I present myself before thee at this time, to bless and praise thy holy Name, for thy late Mercies vouchsafed unto me, in delivering me from the great Pains and Peril of Child-birth: It was thy Power that preserved me, thy Goodness that delivered me, and thy Hand that supported me, when Pain and Sorrows laid hold upon me. Praised, therefore, be that infinite Love, which moved thee to deal so graciously with thy Servant, and to enable a weak and feeble Creature to go thro' the Sorrow and Anguish of Travail.

O Lord, give me such a Sense of thy great Goodness to me, that I may make it the great Study and Business of my Life, to

to ſerve and pleaſe thee in all things; that ſo my Returns of Duty and Obedience may in ſome Meaſure be anſwerable to thoſe many Mercies I have received at thy Hands.

Mortify and ſubdue in me all ſinful and corrupt Affections, and whatever may tend to alienate my Love from thee, and to ſlacken my Endeavours after the Purſuit of heavenly Things.

I commend likewiſe, O Lord, to thy Mercy and Goodneſs, that tender Infant which thou haſt lately given me *.

Sanctify it, I humbly pray thee, and fill it with the Graces of thy holy Spirit, that it may ever be in the Number of thy faithful Servants.

And grant, O merciful Father, that I may never be wanting in my Duty towards it; but enable me, by thy Grace, to bring it up in the Nurture and Admonition of the Lord, that as it grows in Years, ſo it may increaſe in Grace and thy Favour, and be a Comfort to me all my Days, thro' Jeſus Chriſt our Lord; to whom with thee, O Father, and the Holy Spirit be aſcribed, as is moſt due, all Honour, Glory, Power, Thankſgiving and Praiſe, both now and for evermore. *Amen.*

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